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Dr Sakharov stripped of honours and exiled to Volga city

Dr Andrei Sakharov, leader of the Soviet dissident movement and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was arrested in Moscow yesterday. His mother-in-law said last night

that he and his wife had been sent to the city of Gorkiv which is closed to foreigners. Grave concern was immediately expressed by the US and British governments.

Action seen as snub to US

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Jan 22

Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and nuclear physicist who became the leader of the Soviet dissident movement, was stripped of all his honours today and exiled to the ciry of Gorkiy, some 250 miles east of Moscow. some 250 miles east of Moscow.

He was arrested this afternoon by police while on his
way to attend a meeting of the
Soviet Academy of Sciences, of
which he is still a member. His
mother-in-law, Mrs Ruth
Bonner, later told Western
correspondents that Dr Sakharov and his wife, Yelena
Bonner, were pur on aircraft
at 6 pm to Gorkiy, an industrial
town closed to foreigners.

Dr Sakharov was taken in

Dr Sakharov was taken in the afternoon to the office of a Soviet deputy prosecutorwhere he was told of the decision to send him into internal exile.

Shortly afterwards Tass, the official news agency, announced that the Soviet authorities had deprived Dr Sakharov of his title of Hero of Socialist Labour, his state awards and

The move is seen by Western diplomats as a clear reply to President Carrer's retaliatory measures against the Russians for their intervention in Afghanistan, A month after taking office Mr Carter sent a letter of support to Dr Sakharov. The move launched the President's human rights cam-paign which infuriated the Russians

Western correspondents who went to Dr. Sakharov's flat in central Moscow today found the door guarded by police, who pushed them back into the lift and said everything would be explained later. Extra police were posted at the entrance to the block where

Dr Sakharov and bis wife, Yelenz Bonner, an equally vighuman rights activist, have been sent to an area that will effec-tively isolate them from their colleagues in the dissident move-ment and ensure that they will no longer be able to contact

There had been speculation in Moscow that Dr Sakharov would be forcibly exiled abroad, as happened to Alexander Solzhenitsyn in 1974. But the Soviet authorities evidently believed the distinguished scientist still knew too much about the Soviet nuclear programme to allow bim out of the country.

He was not allowed to leave the Soviet Union to travel to Oslo in 1975 when he was



Dr Sakharov: Seized on a Moscow street.

he was told, was a bar to his leaving. His wife collected his award later in his place.

Dr Sakharov is often called the father of the Sovier hydrogen bomb. A brilliant scientist who quickly reached the pinnacles of a scientific career in the Sovier military establishment, he began to press for ment, he began to press for greater freedom of inquiry—in the interests of science—during

the Khrushchev period.

As a member of the Soviet Academy of Science, a position which he still appears to have kept, together with his Soviet citizenship, he has long been the most weighty and respected Shirler dissident Soviet dissident. In spite of his constant pro-

In solte of his constant pro-fests at continuing repression, his widely quoted calls for a tough line towards the Russians by the West and his frequent clashes with the Soviet authori-ties, he himself escaped arrest. This is almost certainly because of the esteem in which

was held abroad and the damage that any move against him would do to relations with the West, and in particular to Soviet-American scientific con-Soviet-American scientific con-tacts which have been needed by the Russians.

With the breekdown of detente in the wake of Afghani-

stan, however, and the American embargo on technology exports and scientific exchanges and the threat of an Olympic boycott, the Soviet leadership felt it had nothing to lose.

The KGB has carried out a

wave of arrests over the past two months of dissidents remaining members of the Hel-sinki human rights monitoring group. The arrest of Dr Sakharov not only deprives Western journalists of virtually their only regular source of in-formation on dissident affairs, but is a carefully calculated rebuff to President Carter. awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. whom the Russians now regard his knowledge of state secrets, as a personal antagonist.

The announcement of the re-loval of Dr Sakharov's wards was made in a short paragraph printed this evening on the back page of Izvestia. It said that Dr Sakharov had been conducting subversive activities against the Sovier state for a number of years. repeatedly warned by representatives of appropriate state bodies, public organizations and prominent Soviet scientists about the impermissibility of

about the impermissibility of such activities.

"Ignoring these warnings, Sakharov larely embarked on the road of open calls to reactionary circles of imperialist states to interfere in the USSR's internal affairs.

"Taking into consideration numerous proposals by the Soviet public the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR has deprived Andrei Sakharov of the title of Hero of Socialist Labour and all state awards, and the Council of Ministers of the USSR has deprived him of the titles of prived him of the titles of Laureate of the USSR prizes that were awarded to him

The warnings mentioned in the announcements refer to the times that Dr Sakharov has been ordered to report to the police and officially warned about his anti-Soviet behaviour. Grave concern : A State Depart ment spokesman said that the
well-being of Dr Sakherov was
"of grave concern" to the
American Administration, Our
Washington Correspondent writes. He recalled that President Carter in the past had expressed his personal admira-tion for the Nobel Peace Prize winner's efforts to improve human rights in the Soviet

Asked whether the United States would offer asylum to the Soviet dissident if it was requested, the spokesman said he thought Dr Sakharov would be welcome in any country which valued freedom.

Serious view: Mrs Margaret Thatcher, reacted sharply in the Commons yesterday to the report of Dr Sakharov's arrest, stating that the Government took a "very serious view" and would take it up with the Soviet Union.

Mr Nikolai Lunkov, the Soviet Ambassador was summoned to the Foreign Office yesterday evening to hear the Government's protest. On be-half of Mrs Thamher and Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secre-tary, Mr Richard Luce, Under secretary of State, deeply de-plored any action against Dr Sakharov which contravened the 1975 Helsinki Conference

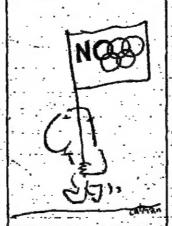
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O'Clympia.

(It is being suggested that the basketball, boxing and gymnastic events might best be held at the National Exhibition Centre.)

Modern Pentathion: Crystal

Palace.
Weight-Lifting: Sobell Centre.
Islington, or Picketts Lock,
Edmonton, or the YMCA in
Tottenham Court Road, London. [Times sports writers assess the feasibility of alternative venues, page 5.] Mr Christopher Chataway.



Kosygin deputy dismissed Soviet industry and that the entrenched rivalry with the Ministry of Foreign Trade was

From Our Own Correspondent Moscow, Jan 22

A senior deputy to Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, appears to have been sacked. An official Tass announcement today said that Mr Vladimir Kirillin, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology, had been relieved of his duties.

Mr Kirillin, a senior scientist and experienced administrator who has held his job for the past 15 years, was said to have requested the change himself. But the terse phrasing of the announcement and the failure of the change of the senior content and the failure of the change of the senior content and the failure of the change of the c in mention any reasons of health or wish to retire on pension strongly imply that he was

There are strong suggestions in Moscow that his departure, voluntary or enforced, may be connected with the moves egainst Dr Sakharov.

Aged 67. Dr Kirilin is a former vice-president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and is thought to have opposed earlier attempts to have his fellow-scientist expelled from the address. the academy.

As chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology he has played an important role in directing the

mons with relief by members

of all parties, but not before a

Conservative backbencher had

of important national events.



Mr Kirillin: May have opposed Afghan adventure.

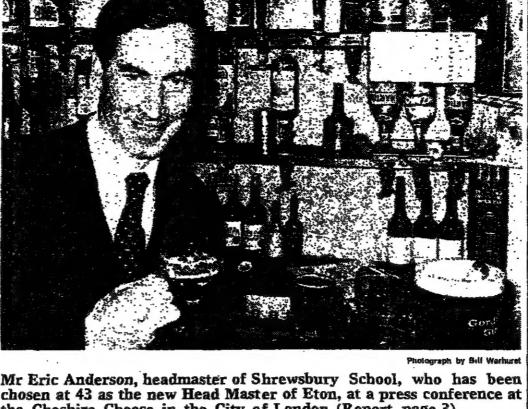
scientific technology. He may scientific technology. He may therefore also have opposed the hard line on Afghanistan, knowing the damage it would do to scientific contacts with the West. It so, he has paid the price for his opposition. Western analysts said it was hard to explain the timing of the move otherwise. There have been rimours that the state committee under Mr Kirillin was coming under strong criticism for its failure to secure the most up-to-date technology and to apply this to

But with Mr Kosygin illand, according to some sources, unlikely ever again to take up his duties as Prime Minister—

the Russians need all the expertise of their able administrators as the Soviet economy moves into a period of sharply increasing difficulties. Mr Kirillin, a former Deputy President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and a Minister of Higher Education has generally been considered a successful chairman of the powerful State Committee for Science and Technology, well known and well received

The state committee has its own representatives in Soviet embassies, who have been accused in the past of links with industrial espionage. When it was established, the committee was considered the Government's answer to the problem of how to translate scientific theory into industrial

. In recent years, however, norale at the committee was said to be low and the bureau-cracy and rigidity of the Soviet economy frequently frustrated attempts at scientific innova-



the Cheshire Cheese in the City of London (Report, page 3).

up list of venues for **Olympics**

By George Clark Political Correspondent

In a move intended to coincide with efforts by the United States and Canadian governments in persuade the Inter-national Olympic Committee to switch the 1980 Olympic Games from Moscow to other venues, Mrs Margaret Thatcher wrote to be British Olympic Associa-tion vesterday offering to tion yesterday offering to arrange certain events in the United Kingdom.

The text of Mrs Thatcher's letter to Sir Denis Follows, chairman of the BOA, was not available but the Prime Minister gave a general statement of her intention when questioned in the Commons Later the Department of the Environment gave a list of venues which had been pro-

venues which had been provided, at the Government's request, by the Sports Council.

Mr Hector Monro, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, who is Minister for Spart, will be in touch with the British Olympic Association and to follow up the Prime Minister's initiative.

The list now put forward by

The list now put forward by the Government is: Rowing: Holmepierrepont, near Nottingham, where the National Rowing Centre has facilities. (The centre is administered by the Snorts Council.)

Canoeing: Sprint races: Holme-pierrepont. Slalom: Bala, in Wales. Equestrian events: Three-day event : show jumping ; and horses and coaches : Crystal Palace, Hickstead, or Badminton.
Fencing: Crystal Palsce.
Football: Wembley Stadium and
other first division club grounds
used during the World Cup com-

Basketball, boxing, gymnastics, indo, wrestling, volleyball: Baris Court, or National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, or Wembley Indoor Hall, or Royal Albert Hall,

former Conservative Minister, who competed in the 1952 and 1956 Olympic Games, said in a BBC radio interview yesterday that it would be absolutely wrong for Western analetes to go to Moscow and thus give the Soviet Union an enormous propaganda coup. Continued on page 5, col.7



Cabinet puts Gold price plummets to close at \$690

By Caroline Atkinson In a dramatic reversal on the world's bullion markets yesterday the gold price plummeted through the \$800 and then the \$700 an ounce levels. In London gold finally dropped by a record \$135 to close at \$690.

The scramble to get out of

the metal was as frenzied yesterday as the rush in the opposite direction last week. Silver crashed down too, losing nearly 30 per cent of its value in one day. Other metals which had followed the gold and silver prices upwards dropped sharply in the wake of the collapsing

Gold has broken all records this year. Bullion markets have this year, button markets have seen the largest daily rises to the highest prices, followed yesterday by the most dramatic fall. Some dealers maintained that the metal could still recover after its battering. However, westerday's plunes in the ever yesterday's plunge in the price was more widely heralded as the bursting of a speculative In New York the market was

in turmoil. In less than 24 hours the price of gold fell by almost \$200 an ounce, as the market reacted to rumours and reports.

"This is the thinnest market you have ever seen", said one The fall was apparently

triggered off by new restric-tions on bullion trading in New York and Germany. However, there were clearly many peopl wairing for the signal to sell. The unprecedented leap in the price this year had left the market very vulnerable to fears of a sharp fall. Profit-taking, mainly from Europe, set in yesterday morning and the effect snowballed.

At one point on Thursday

gold reached \$875 an ounce in New York, where yesterday it dived to \$670 and finished the day at \$682 an ounce. Three weeks ago the price was only

Gold shares tared even worse. Jobbers were quick to mark down their prices and sharp losses were recorded.

In New York the trading in the gold market was reportedly very thin, so that quite modest buy or sell orders could produce formidable price changes.

Dealers noted that leading institutions, which had been active bullion buyers last week, did Continued on page 19, col 3

unemployment

Unemployment has risen sharply this month and is at its highest level since last spring. The Government's latest seasonally adjusted figures reveal that more than 1.2 million of the adult working population is jobless, representing 5.4 per cent of Britain's workforce. And as the country slides into recession this year the number of people out of work is expected to rise above 1.5 million. The Government is drawing attention to the link between lengthening dole queues and high pay claims. Both the Prime Minister and Mr James Prior. Secretary of State for Employment, say that unions must bargain sensibly to avoid seeing their members put out of work. But economists say that unemployment has been expected to increase for some time because of falling demand and reduced output by the manufacturing industries.

BSC search for strike talks

Senior British Steel Corporation Senior British Steel Corporation executives are going to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service today for exploratory talks on a possible solution to the steel strike, which is now in its fourth week. Acas is to contact the main steel unions in the hope of inventions them in the search for volving them in the search for compromise . Page 2

Israel cancels Arab elections

Elections for 25 Arab munici-palities on the West Bank have been cancelled indefinitely by.
Israel. Sweeping victories for
many radical Palestinian leaders in the occupied region had
been predicted Page 6

Ballot boycott Trade union leaders decided to mount a boycott of the Government's plans to fund secret ballots for strikes and the election of union officials.

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MP, on American policy in the Middle East Sport, pages 8 and 9 Cricket: West Indians win World Series one-day competition with eight-wicket victory against England; Rugby Union: Scotland-choose five new caps for Dublin game; Ice skating: Robin Cousins in strong position for European title; Football: Arsenal may boycott Russian club Aris, page 11 Anne Howells and Colin Graham talk to John Greenhalgh about the

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Mr Carter eclipses

Senator Kennedy

Grinnell, Iows, Jan 22 to one victory over Senator Edward Kennedy in the Iowa caucuses last night. With a record turnout of Democrats and Republicans, Mr Carter got 60 per cent of the Democratic vote to Mr Kennedy's 31 per

Mr George Bush won the Republican contest, with 31 per cent of the vote against 26 per cent for Mr Ronald Reagan and 13 per cent for Senator Howard Baker, It is clear Mr Carter and Mr Bush are both on the high road to victory, and their rivals will have to exert themselves predigiously to beat them.

Mr Kennedy conceded defeat prodigiously to beat them.
Mr Kemedy conceded defeat
last night with good humour at
his Washington headquarters.
He said: "Tonight, according
to my count, President Carter
needs 1,643 delegates more to win the nomination. We need -and we are going to get

Mr George Bush won the

When Mr Kennedy declared his official candidacy last November, the polls put him ahead in lows by a two-to-one margin and last night's vote margin and last nights vote reversed that position. His defeat was due in large measure to the surge of support far the President provoked by events in Iran, and Mr Kennedy must hope that, when the crisis ends, Mr Carter will again lose ground. However, his poor performance as a campaigner bury him.

ance as a campaigner hurr him. He seems to have impressed few people as a speaker, and distrust of his behaviour in the Chappaquiddick affair lost him many votes.
Mr Carter used the Middle

East crisis as an excuse for not campaigning in person. He stayed in Washington, sending his wife and children and Vicehis wife and children and Vice-President Walter Mondale merepresent him here. The technique worked miracles.

The vote for the Republicans is the total for 1,985 out of 2,531 precincts, and represents 96,804 votes. Their computer brokedown in the middle of the night and they do not expect a final

and they do not expect a final tally before Thursday.

The partial vote was: Mr George Bush 30,436 (31.44 per cent); Mr Ronald Reagan 24,792 (25.61 per cent); Senator Howard Baker 12,908 (13.33 per cent); Mr John Connally 9.024 (9.32 per cent); Mr Philip

John Anderson 3,806 (3.93 per cent); Senator Robert Dole 2,478 (2.55 per cent); others and undecided 2,678 (2.76 per

exactly the percentage predicted in the last opinion poll, taken two weeks ago, while Mr Bush doubled his share. In December Mr Reagan was credited with 50 per cent of Republican votes. and last summer with virtually all of them. His defeat here is extremely serious for him and he enters the first few primaries

The omens are excellent for for Bush, who must now be considered the Republican favourite for the first two primaries—New Hampshire in five weeks' time and Massachusetts immediately after-

Paradoxically, the other winner is Mr Connally, who finished a poor fourth and will probably a poor fourth and will probably do as badly in New Hampshire. But, if the Reagan vote is collapsing. Mr Connally will be in a good position to pick up a great deal of strength in the second round of primaries, beginning with Florida and South Carolina in March,

Senator Baker must be disappointed. His campaign is off to a shaky start and his prospects in later primaries are not bright. Mr Crane did better than expected, though probably not well enough to survive

Mr Anderson did better than expected. In Grinnell, for in-stance, he carried the first ward with 45 per cent of the vote. This is the ward covering Grinnell College, and Republican students turned out in force to support him. He should do relatively well in New England.

It is hard to see how Senator Dole can keep his campaign going. Two other Republican senators, Mr Lowell Weicker and Mr Larry Pressler, bowed out of the race before it began, and Senator Dole will have to follow them soon.

The turnout in both parties exceeded expectations. One Democratic caucus in Grinnell that was attended by six people in 1976 had 57 this time. The increase in Republican atten-Photographs, page 6 Leading article, page 15

President Tito out of critical period

shown his extraordinary robust- year-old President would reness and is said to be recover- sume activities as before. ne fast, even surpris from the amputation of his leg

last Sunday. Medical reports describe his condition as excellent whereas unofficially his aides are con-fident that he may be up and about earlier than thought. A high ranking party official today said that President Tito's condition is excellent

"He is not only a political or a biological phenomenon but a medical phenomenon 100," he said. According to medical sources he is now out of the critical period.

rom Dessa Trevisan tion here to say that nothing has changed during this President Tito has once again anxious period and that the 87-

now had the first real taste of what could happen after him and the result is obviously satisfying. His successors have shown extraordinary efficiency and the nation has responded clamly and responsibly.

While the nation was made aware that the President's health was causing serious conparent anxiety.
Yugoslav officials say that

the nation's response has shown that their claim that Yugoslaources le is now out of the via's political atmosphere is good despite economic problems increases the tempta-lems has been fully justified.

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Budget changed to March 26 to avoid clash hand of the Canterbury Cathedral ceremony before deciding to have the Budget "minor U-turn". By Fred Emery Political Editor In his letter to the Arch-The Government relented

vesterday, decided to serve
Mammon last, and switched
Budget day to Wednesday,
March 26, so as not to clash
with the March 25 archeone Protests from churchmen at such insensitivity were supported by cries of con-sternation from Conservatives with the March 25 enthronethat their party should have ment of the Archbishop of shown such ineputude. Mr. Norman St John Stevas. Canterbury. The Government's postpone-ment was greered in the Com-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Legder of the

House, the Government's leading Roman Catholic, attempted to put the best face, on the asked why the parties could not have referred to their diaries before confirming dates Government's about-face. It gave him great pleasure to "reconcile Canterbury and Westminster", he said, although line rault for the plumber westmander, he said, although lies entirely with ministers Mr Michael Foot, for the since they knew weeks before- Labour Opposition, ironically

bishop designate, the Right Rev Robert Runcie, Bishop of St Albans, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, did not manage an apology so much as a laboured explanation of why it now proved possible to move the Budget

The upshot seemed that although the week of March 22 was imperative for the Budget, Tuesday had been chosen in the first place because, he said, there are good practical reasons for the well established convention that Budget Day should be a Tuesday Ian Bradley writes: The Very

Rev Victor de Waal, Dean of Canterbury, said last night that he welcomed the Government's flexibility. He said he hoped it would

mean that all three major party leaders would arrend the enthronement as they did Dr Coggan's enthronement in 1975. A spokesman for the carbedral said that definite acceptances had been received from Sir Keith Joseph, Mr Jan Gilmour, Lord Carrington, Mr Michael Heseltine, and Mr

David Steel. He said the cathedral was particularly pleased that Mr. William Whiteley, would be able to satend the enthronement because he was a personal friend of Bishop Runcie. Business News Diary, page 21

Chemical blast inquiry urged

A public inquiry has been demanded by some of the 6,000 people who were moved out of their homes because of cyanide fumes after three explosions at a chemicals warehouse in Barking, east London. They are angry about the storage of chemicals so near their homes

Police corruption case: Detectives who were stationed at a goods depor to stop thefts and became the core of a gang are Local government switch: Gov

ernment concession means more financial liberty for councils but plan for block grant stays Salisbury: Mr Mugabe may be refused entry to Rhodesia Bangkok: British nurse exhilarated by news of early release Football: first leg wins for Nottingham Forest and Swin-don Town in League Cup semi-

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By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor

Acas today

Senior executives of the

series of consultations between Cabinet ministers, the unions

Aces is to get in epuch with the mean unions involved in the steel shubdown with a view

to involving them in the search for an acceptable compromise. But the view of the dominant from and Sceel Trades Confederation (ISTC) remains that.

BSC must shift from its in-

sistence on a self-financing

"fairly substantial" on offer before he will recall his union's

60-strong negotiating committee to reopen serious pay bargain-

exempted from taking part,

in reaching an agreed settle-

they must be party to any further top-level talks. They

rake the same view as the steel workers, that there must be more money on the table. The TUC general council meets this morning to discuss

the broader response of the

and to BSC's proposals to push ahead with plant closures that will put 52,000 men out of work by August.

The AUEW's formal entry into the coalition of striking unions increases the difficulties

Inquiry demanded into chemical blast Steel chiefs

People who were evacuated hall were used. reopie who were evacuated from their homes in Barking, east London, on Monday night because of cyanide fumes after three explosions in a chemicals and local authority operation, warehouse near by, returned but were enery about the yesterday to clear up the mest. Those living only a hundred yards from the warehouse were their homes. Houses in Curzon Crescent demanding a public inquiry. In the sand Stanley Avenue took the Six thousand people were brunt of the explosions and

Six thousand people were moved out, and about 1,300 spent the night in emergency accommodation organized by Barking council. The rest went to friends and relatives living

outside the danger area.

The explosion is being investigated by the Health and Safety Executive, MPs were

told yesterday.
But Mr Patrick Mayhew, an
Under-Secretary of State at the
Department of Employment,
told the Commons that the blast showed no evidence of a need for further regulations.

The fire and explosions were a warehouse belonging to Womersley Boome Chemicals, in River Road. The cause of the fire has not yet been estab-lished, but one theory being examined is that it was caused by a liquid propane gas bottle exploding. The fire caused sodium chlorate stored in the warehouse to explode. Sodium cyanide nearby began to give off poisonous fumes as it was heated by the fire.

"It was the possibility of these fumes becoming very strong and spreading over a wide area that caused the evacuation", Inspector David Bailey, of Barking police, said. "It was a very large operation, involving about 100 police officers, and we used our major incident procedure which is drawn up for use when a large number of people have to be

"As soon as we realized that evacuation was necessary the procedure was put into operation", Inspector Bailey said.
'We lisised with the local authority's emergency planning officer, and be arranged the accommodation, food and transport. We had to commandeer some buses from Barking bus garage, which we have power to do in these circumstances. He denied reports that there had been some looting of the

empty nomes. A stokesman for Barking council said that six emergency centres were set up in the borough, and there were two in the neighbouring borough of Newham. Schools, old people's homes, church halls, a youth

As residents returned to the

and Stanley Avenue took the brunt of the explosions and windows were broken. Debris from the fire was acattered over the gardens.

over the garways.

"The explosions broke my kitchen and sitting room windows but council workmen have dows, but council workmen have been very good and put new glass in very quickly this morning", Mrs Marie Dunn, of

"But I am borrified that cyanide was so near. We are about a hundred yards away from the warehouse. We knew that chemicals were in there, but we are now very worried about what happened, and we have got a lot of questions to

Mr Albert Hodder and his wife Joan, also of Curzon Crescent, were in their sitting room when the explosions

"It was terrifying. The glass seemed to blow inwards before it smashed into our garden, and we saw a ball of fire". Mr Hodder said. "We were told by the police, who were very well organized, that we should leave, and we were able to go to a relative's house. But we sare very concerned, and we should are very concerned now about the works being there, and we want some inqury. It is so near this estate."

Miss Josephine Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, has demanded a public inquiry into the fire and explosions. "My constituents are very worried, and I share their con-

cern, that dangerous chemicals were stored so near their homes", she said. In a statement, Womersley Boome said that sodium cyanide released poisonous gas when mixed with acid, and because of its presence in the building, the evacuation was ordered. With hindsight, an evacua-

with hindsight, an evacua-tion was not necessary, but we are better safe than sorry", Mr Roy Manning, the general mana-ger, said. "There were fumes from the fire, but I did not need a face-mask. We do not yet know what caused the fire or the explosion, but the factory inspector will be carrying out investigations and we shall be giving him all possible help."



The burnt-out shell of the Womersley Boome chemicals warehouse after the fire and explosion which led to an

Prescription charges likely to be increased in Budget

Political Editor

ernment will increase National Health Service prescription charges, possibly indexing them in line with the rate of infla-

The change could be an-nounced either in the Budget on March 26 or shortly beforehand the deeper cuts in 1980-81 public expenditure are an-

81 public expenditure are announced.

This emerged more clearly vesterday when Mrs Margaret Thatcher omitted any pledge not to increase prescription charges when challenged in the House of Commons. All that she

for visits to doctors por for stays in hospital.

The Prime Minister insisted yesherday that further reduc-tions in public expenditure were imperative because the were imperative because the Government was having to bor-

Inquiry begins into Labour's internal affairs By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter Labour's internal arguments over mandatory reselection of MPs, the election of the party leader, and control over the general election manifesto, are to go before the commission inquiry into the party's

organization and structure.
The commission, which includes Mr James Callaghan, party leader, representatives from the national executive committee and trade unionists met for the first time in the Commons last night.
It is expected that the

national executive will today resolve the argument over the commission's composition; there is a difference of opinion between the Trade Unions for Labour Victory Campaign and the left-wing dominated NEC.

Trawler men's action

Industrial action by Lowestoft trawler skippers and mates, now well into its third week, took a more serious turn yesterday when their union the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers Association, decided to call out their members on rig safety ves-sels in support of the strike.

It seems likely that the Government will increase National lealth Service prescription charges were being considered in the Government's latest round of expenditure cuts.

House of Commons. All that she would give commitments on were two promises made during the election campaign last year, not to introduce charges would be made. But Mrs Thatcher omitted the prescription charges in her answer.

Chemical union seeks rise of 20 per cent

By David Felton Labour Reporter

A pey claim covering more than 60,000 workers in the chemical endustry to give in-creases of more than 20 per cent is to be backed up with the threat of an overtime ban unless the employers agree to limit "systematic" overtime. Mc David Warburton.

national officer for the General national officer for the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said last night that his members were worried about job prospects in the industry. At the moment members work an average of 5½ hours a week cresse to £70 in the basic minimum rate from about £60 a week, an increase to maintain living standards, extra holidays, and reduced working hours. It will be agreed wish the four other main unions in the industry and will be submitted to the employers late next

Mr Warburton said that if the employers refused to reduce overtime, he would be instructing local officials and the employers refused to reduce overtime, he would be instructing local officials and shop stewards to "drastically reduce" overtime at individual plants.

Two wards are being shut disrupted.

The marchers were protesting at what they see as the shop stewards to "drastically reduce" overtime at individual and north Hertfordshire, because of a shortage of nurses. reduce " overtime et individual plants.

In brief Killer cleared of IRA charge

Thomas McMation, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of Lord Mountbatten of Burma, was acquitted at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday of a charge being a member of the IRA.

He was cleared after denying on oath that he was in the IRA on August 27 last year, the day Lord Mountbatten was blown up on his boat near Muliaghmore, co Sligo.

BP tanker drivers accept 20 pe offer

Shop stewards representing about 2,000 British Petroleum tanker drivers and other terminal workers yesterday voted to accept a pay deal worth more than 20 per cent. Esso and Texaco shop stewards have already accepted similar trends. Shell staff have not yet made a

Firemen cut boy free

Five firemen took 45 minutes to free Christopher Wain, aged two, who was brought to the station in Crownhill, Plymouth, with a cake tin jammed under his chin like a collar. "We tried bolt cutters but had to resort to a lacksaw," a fire officer said.

Wild Life Bill delayed

Mr Michael Hesekine, Secre-tary of Scare for the Eavisonment, yesterday announced the postponement of the Wild Life and Countryside Bill, but said in a written answer that he intended to introduce it as soon as parliamentary time permit-

Prison officer sues

A prison officer is suing the Daily Mirror over allegations in the paper on Monday about Sudbusy prison, Derbyshre. A High Court writ issued in London by Mr Philip Moore, of the prison officers' quarters at the prison, has been served on the newspaper.

Wards closed

Two wards are being shut at Fairfield Hospital, Hitchin.

Detectives on £14,000

Countrymen team who are investigating allegations of corruption, with stealing more
than £14,000 and conspiring to
pervert the course of justice.
One of the two, Det Set Brien
O'Leary, aged 38, of Hawes
Lane, West Wickham, Kent, is
further charged with making a
false statement between
November, 1977, and May, 1978,
in criminal proceedings against

due to appear at Bow Street
Magistrates Court today.

Two other officers were
arrested by detectives on Saturday and appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on Monday. A City of London detective appeared in court at the end of last year and seven other offi-

theft charge

Two Metropolitan Police detectives were charged last night at Godalming Surrey, by officers of the Operation Countyman team who are investigating allogations of

in criminel proceedings against a Leonard Roberts. The second officer is Det Constable Roy William Leavers, aged 31, of Magnolia Drive, Biggin Hill, Kent. Both are

cers from the two forces have been suspended

evacuation of the neighbouring area.

Clashes at Corby gates lead to 14 arrests furnacemen and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, began earlier after senior electricians dismaniled

works gate.

Corby
Fourteen speckworkers, including two women were arrested at Corby yesterday in the most serious clashes on the picket lines since the strike

picket lines since the strike started.

About 100 pickets gathered at the works main gate after the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC) strike committee had agreed to intensify pressure and operate a picket on workers trying to leave.

Until yesterday, the Corby steelworkers had maintained only a token picket at the gates, and had concentrated on sending flying pickets to King's Lynn, Grantham and Melton Mowbray.

Tempers flared quickly yesterday as cars, belonging to Senior executives of the British Steel Corporation are agoing to the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) today for infurnal and exploratory talks about a possible solution to the state steel strike, which is now in its fourth week.

The discussions follow a series of counterstons between and RSC management in which the Government has confirmed its refusal to eker the financial framework within which, it says, the pay strike must be settled.

Tempers flared quickly yes-terday as cars, belonging to management and office work-ers, many of them ISTC mem-bers, onesed to go through Police called in reinforce-ments and scuffles broke out after disagreements over the laws of picketing.

laws of picketing.

The arrests were made when pickets, yelling "scabs" at their colleagues, formed a cordon in front of the cars and refused to let them through. It is estimated that between 100 and 200 of the 11,000 Corby workforce have refused to workforce have refused to

A compromise might be found by extending the time-table of plant closures planned by BSC and using some of the £450m of public money available to the industry to finance a deal with the unions on streamlining the industry.

Mr William Sirs, ISTC general secretary, insists that there must be something "fairly substantial" on offer before he will recall his union's Pesceful picketing resumed after the arrests, and was strictly controlled by police. Tension among ISTC pickets, backed at the line by members of the National Union of Blast-

The Amelgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW), the steel industry's second largest union, said yesterday that its 16,500 steel members were now officially on strike. The union is paying £180,000 a week in dispute benefit. Only annestrices and some 600 sign of breakthrough By Peter Hill Industrial Editor The strike and its impact on a wide range of steel-using industries will dominate tomorrow's meeting of the Council of the Confederation of British apprentices and some 600 middle managers have been

of the Confederation of British Industry, the organization's policy-making body.

Since the strike began on January 2, the employers' group has held a series of meetings, chaired by Sir John Methyen, director-general of the CBI, with leading figures from important organizations, includimportant organizations, includ-ing the private steel sector; British Rail and the British

Steel Corporation:
They have been able to provide a broad assessment of the strike's impact, but tomorrow's recarding the first of this year, will be the first occasion that the CBI has had to formulate a comprehensive view of the effects of the strike.

Industrialists will be watchcouncil meeting, the first of this year, will be the first occasion late a comprehensive view of the effects of the strike.

ing carefully for any sign of a breakthrough arising from to-day's meeting with the BSC end-the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

Jones writes from Cardiff).
The company, Cashmore's, has been heavily picketed since the steel strike began and police have been called on a number

to speak to the press. But Mr Joseph Martin, a peti

A grave threat to the future of steel supplies is posed by the Trades Confederation to pull out its members employed by the independent steemakers from Sunday. Ronald Kershaw writes: The

BSC management in Yorkshire yesterday predicted commercial the steel strike continued for another three weeks. It also assured customers that within two days of a settlement, 75 per cent of production capacity

Government inflexibility on-dispute is reaffirmed

By Hugh Noyes

Westminster
The rigid and inflexible position of the Government over the steel dispute was reaffirmed in the Commons yesterday by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph Servernment The arrests came on a day when discontent over the lack of hardship or strike money had come to a haed among steel-workers. A petition said to carry 700 signatures was presented to union officials, who later agraed that hardehim and

State for Industry.

Indeed, if their words are
to be taken literally, and there
is no reason for doubting that. later agreed that hardship pay-ments would be made. The national executive of the union, which has assets of £11m, had decided against trike has been been applied to the control of the control the weekend talks at Downing Street with the steel union strike pay because the money, it said, was tied up in invest-ments, and because social eaders must have been a more one-sided dialogue than Monsecurity benefits would then be day's reports suggested. After meeting the petitioners,
Mr John Cowling, an ISTC
council member, complained
that the steel workers were
washing the union's dirty lines
in, public; he told them not

Sir Keith seemed to be indicating that apart from emphasizing that the Government would not involve itself in negotiations and that no raxpayers' money would be made available to fund a settlement, he, had maintained virtually a Trappist silence throughout the meeting Mrs Thatcher drove this impression But Mr Joseph Martin, a pen-tioner who agreed to talk, said that many of the workers were getting "really desperate". Gwent arrests: Three men were arrested and charged with ob-struction yesterday after scuff-ling broke out between police and 200 pickets outside a steel stockists at Risca in Gwent (Tim Lorse writes from Cardiff). home when she told MPs some-what imperiously: "I have sent both of them (the management and the unions) management and the unions) back to negotiate together because only those people con-cerned in the industry can sort out the problems within the financial restraints".

That was a far cry from the "tea and buns at No 10" approach of Sir Harold Wilson, and MPs on both sides of the House could be seen wincing anxiously

But if the Prime Minister

was first to crack the whip, Sir Keith was quick to follow. Asked by Mr John Silkin, Opposition spokesman en industry whether he was sticling to his rigid and inflexible timetable and if se, how could he expect the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Services (Acet) to schieve appears Service (Acas) to achieve any thing, Sir Keith replied with a phlegmatic "yes". After a pause, the Secretary of State added that he was sticking to a rigid timetable because the Government believed it was in the interests of the steelworkers, taxpayers and of the

whole country.

As for the question on Aras, that was not for him. Aras was an independent body. He understood that they were in contact with the steel management, and the workers, but the decisions were entirely for them. He pointed out that the issue

between the two sides was not so much the amount of money needed, but where the extra earnings were coming from. Parliamentary report, page 12

Unionist parties reach new depth of acrimony

CBI looks anxiously for a

on Ulster's political future, Roman Catholic political leaders yesterday maintained a self-imposed silence round the conference table as the Democratic Unionists put the case on power devolutio

A brief official communique said merely that the Social Democratic and Labour Party "indicated that their views would be conditional on consideration of subsequent items on the agenda". That said, the party remained silent.

The six-hour session, details of which were again obscured by a clamp-down on information agreed by all the parties, had two main items on the agenda: whether there should be one elected body or more; what subjects should be transferred to any governmental

Catholic minority at the Stor-mont conference, is purely tac-tical and does not demonstrate sharing or an institutionalized stage. The same cannot be said not being discussed at the conhowever of the Unionist camp in Ulster, whose inter-party relationships yesterday plumbed new depths of acrimony over whether the Democratic Unionists should have agreed to

attend the conference.

The clash began with a statement from Mr James Moly-neaux, the Official Unionist leader, claiming that on October 25 last year the Rev Ian Paisley came to his office in the House of Commons and said he would table there is an atmosphere of not attend any constitutional calm and the tactics of the conference on Ulster. It was SDLP yesterday demonstrated

ference.

The clash had one definite result: there will be no meeting between Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley; as mooted on Monday by the Rev Robert Bradford; Official Unionist MP for Belfast, South, on settling dif-ferences between the parties. The relationship between the two men is now as bad as it

But around the conference table there is an atmosphere of calm and the tactics of the therefore strange, Mr Molyneaux said, that Mr Paisley rift on the fundamental issues,
should be harangoing the Official Unionists for not attending.
Mr Paisley retorted quickly Roman Catholic burial to the

Belfast land.

In an extraordinary start to the first significant day of talks on Ulster's political future, Roman Carbolic mont conference is nursely and torcioly, actusing Mr Moly? IRA volunteer who died with neaux of fabrication and making two innocent civilians when a up stories. All that he (Mr. bomb he was carrying blew up on Ulster's political future, mont conference is nursely at the Stormouth of the strain of A statement issued by the family of Mr. Kevin Patrick

Delaney, aged 26, claimed that three churches in two parishes in West Belfast had refused to allow him to be buried from a Mr Delaney died in the Dun-

murry train bombing last week
when a fire bomb he intended
to plant at Belfast Central
Station blew up.
The statement said his family.

had offered not to have the Irish Republican flag draped over the coffin while in the church. The Irish flag is officially banned in Ulster.

Dr William Philloin, Bishop of

Down and Connor, was also approached. A representative said later it was a master for parish priests and that he had

Workers' tax protest brings centre of Dublin to a halt

From Our Correspondent Dublin

workers could join marches.

In Dublin an estimated 300,000, marchers brought the

300,000, marchers brought the city to a standstill.

The protest was sanctioned by the Irish Coogress of Trade Unions and far surpassed in size a similar demonstration last. March. There was no public transport in Dublin for the duration of the march and flights from Dublin airport and channel, ferry services were channel ferry services

Dublin

About half a million people demonstrated against the PAYE taxation in the Republic is 25 per cent, tax bands are much narrower than they are in Britade. The top rate of 60 per cent is reached on a taxable income of 66,600 a year coincidences in the main towns that figure in Britain. PAYE employees are also angry at the snable tax concessions granted to farmers and alleged tax evasion by some of the colleged payers.

the self-employed. A letter of protest at the PAYE system was handed to Mr Michael O'Kennedy, the Minister for Finance, but the Irish Government are not expected to respond immediately to the Today

The marchers, who were accompanied by bands and union groups, carried banners calling on the Government to tax unon the Government to tax un-earned income, and the greedy, not the needy.

Sun rises: Sun sets:

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7.52 am

4.33 pm

Moon rises: Moon sets:

10.49 am

12.1 am

First quarter: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 5.3 pm to 7.21 am.
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pm, 12.1m. Dover, 2.33 am, 6.7m;
3.1 pm, 6.4m. Hull, 10.7 am, 7.0m;
10.14 pm, 7.2m. Liverpool, 2.57
am, 8.5m; 3.15 pm, 9.2m.
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Scotland.
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(43°F).

SE, central S and SW England,
Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, heavy showers, especially near coasts; wind SW, fresh; max
temp 6° or 6°C (41° to 45°F).

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intervals, showers, snow on hills; wind NE or N, Nills fog, rain or sleet at times, snow on hills with some moderate falls; wind NE or N, Sectland: Bright or sunny intervals, wind will be one moderate or fresh; max temp 5°C
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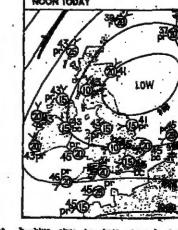
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Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 992.6 milibhars, ricine. millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



Detectives put into depot to end thefts became core of gang Derek Arnold Ridgewell, aged don, was adjourned until After the court appearance of a public house. Mr Richardthe two detectives, asked Mr son said the thefts continued the prosecution, said that in van load of goods if they could him was not present again.

By Stewart Tendler

Two detectives especially stationed at a London goods depot to stop mounting thefts, themselves became the core of a gang that stole up to 60 van

be filled with goods suggested by a civilian accomplice.

Yesterday the three former detectives and four other men pleaded guilty to a number of charges.

Ham rearson, aged 38, a builder, of Carlton Grove, south London, 12 months, suspended for two depot by Mr Riss. Mr Jeff, who was with sentencing of George Edward pleaded guilty to a number of Leff, aged 57, unemployed, of Charges.

Contract to National Carriers of Carlton Grove, south London, 12 months, suspended for two depot by Mr Riss. Mr Jeff, who was with Mr Pearson, was questioned. They appeared at a magistrates' court.

34, a former detective sergeant, tomorrow. Two detectives especially stationed at a London goods deport to stop mounting thefts, themselves became the core of a gang that stole up to 60 van loads of goods, Judge Miskin, QC, the Recorder of London, was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. One of the gang later estimated the thefts at £500,000.

A third detective, the court was told, took part in the gang initially and then withdrew. His two colleagues—all three were members of the British Transport police—continued to be filled with goods suggested of Palace View, Bromley, Kent, was sentenced to seven years; imprisonment; Douglas Alexander Ellis, aged 37, a former detective constable, of Brookfield Avenue, Sutton, was given six years; Alan John Keeling, aged 32, a former detective constable, of Surrey Grove, Sutton, two years; Geoffrey Phillip Jeff, aged 31, a driver, of Ashburnham Road, Belvedere, Kent, three years; Jeffrey Baggot, aged 30, a trainee accountant, of Southend Road, Brockley, London, two and a half years; Thomas Daniel William Pearson, aged 38, a builder, of Carlton Grove, south London, of Palace View, Bromley, Kent,

the prosecution, said that in 1976 the scale of thefts at the Bricklayers' Arms depot in-creased instead of decreasing because some members of the squad joined criminals in thefts from the depot. From early 1977 to the spring of 1978 when the gang operated, goods to the value of more than £360,000 were taken from the depot. Not all the goods were taken from the depot. Not

all the goods were taken by the geng.
In mid-April, 1977, Anthony
Michael Jeff, working for his
father as a delivery driver under contract to National Carriers

van load of goods if they could get them. Mr Jeff said he could get a third of the normal price. It was agreed to divide the proceeds equally between the civilians and the detectives.

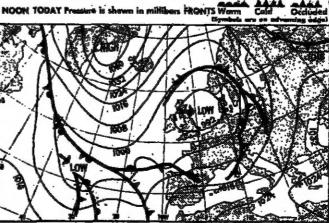
The next Sunday Mr Jeff and Mr Pearson went to the depot with Mr Jeff's father's van. Mr Ridgewell and Mr Ellis met them outside the depot in a

police van, The property to be stolen was discussed in the police office. At a loading bay they were joined by Mr Keeling, and Mr Ridgewell said parcels had been specially sorted out by the policemen the day before. The goods were electrical equipment. The van was escorted out and later in the week Mr Jeff passed 1800 to Mr Ellis in the lavarry

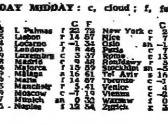
them outside the depot in a

Mr Baggot, a graduate, who shared a business with Mr Ridgewell, was introduced in the summer of 1977 to handle financial swrangements on behalf of the police. With the arrival of Mr Baggot Mr Pearson was no longer intended. In May, 1978, Mr Jeff's

Weather forecast and recordings



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TUC plans boycott of ispute government move firmed to fund secret ballot

By Paul Routledge .

Trade union leaders decided fund secret ballots for strikers and the election of union offi-

The TUC General Council will "strongly advise" more than 100 affiliated unions to than 100 affiliated unions to reject "the Government's thirty pieces of silver," as it was described today by one speaker at a conference on Mr James Prior's employment Bill.

State finance for union ballots is now being identified as a dangerous inducement to acquienscence in the Conservatives' labour law reforms. as acqueenscence in the conserva-nives' labour law reforms, as were the benefits of registra-tion under the ill-fated Indus-trial Relations Act of 1971.

trial Relations Act of 1971.

Calling for stremous opposition to the provision of public cash for this purpose, Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC's economic committee, said in a letter to Mr. Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC: It is a decisive provision designed to attract credibility to the rotality of the employment Bill by unions taking advantage of the financial incentive it applies.

In this sense, it is analogous to the argument about the attractions of registration under the Industrial Relations Act, which at first threatened to split the movement.

The provision of the finance of the financial incentions of the sense in the argument about the attractions of registration under the Industrial Relations.

in certain circumstances. This in certain circumstances. This would represent a major incursion into trade union autonomy.

14, when the TUC hopes there will be a "massive response" in terms of people stopping work.

The TUC general council is expected to act on this pro-Trade union leaders decided posal next month, by advising yesterday to mount a boycott all unions not to take advanthe government plan to tage of these state subsidies, and secret ballots for strikers and also by informing Mr Prior, Secretary of State for Employ-ment, and the Shadow Cabinet, that unions which already use secret ballots will not take the money, and suggesting that the

provision should be dropped.
The TUC conference on the employment Bill, attended by 220 leaders of 73 unions, representations. senting 11.7 million members, endorsed plans to intensify, the campaign against the legisla-

Trade unionists will epproach employers to point out what the TUC sees as the damage the Bill could do to industrial relations.

Some employers have already expressed their oppo-sition to te Bill.", Mr Murray said. "All employers with doubts should warn the Govern-

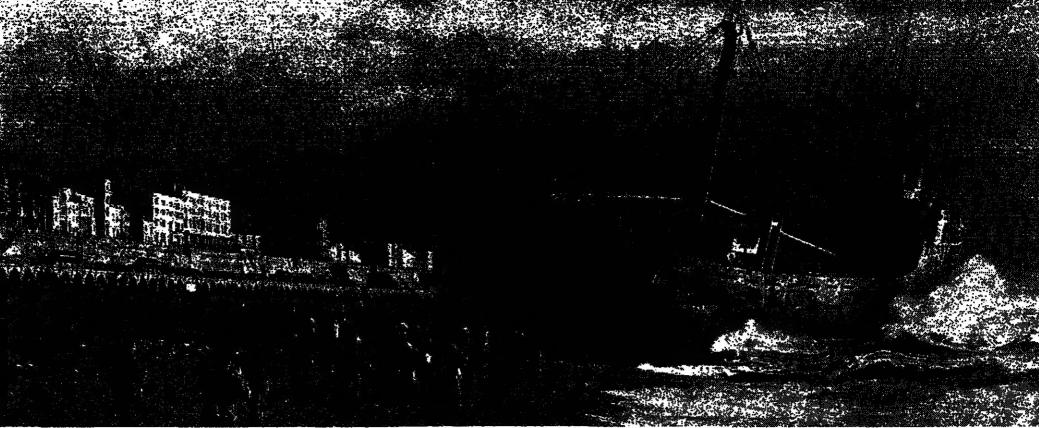
According to a TUC official there was "one sole dissident" to the majority vie wet the closed conference, Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Electricians' Union. He said unions could not

ignore opinion polls showing widespread public backing for ment.

The provision of the finance will be subject to regulations and a possible code of practice which, in effect, will give the certification officer control over the conduct and content of ballots. This represents the thin end of a very substantial wedge.

There is the very serious danger that if a significant number of mions in a significant number of instances take advantage of the financial provisions, then the Government will go a stage further and make such ballots mandatory in certain circumstances. This

in terms of people stopping



Brighton shipwreck: Marine surveyors have been called in to assess the damage to a Greek cargo ship grounded on the beach at Brighton. The 3,500-ton ship, the Athina B, was blown on to the beach near the Palace Pier by a gale after its engines and steering gear failed. It is laden with pumice worth £45,000, and is now in the hands of the Receiver of Wrecks. The inspection will

determine whether or not it can be refloated. Salvage experts have already reported seeing holes in the bull. A sea rescue involving Britain, the Irish Republic and France was called off after the crew of a Spanish ship reported in distress in a gale 250 miles off Land's End made emergency repairs. Parts of Britain were affected by high winds, snow and

rain yesterday and although conditions were better, the RAC described many roads in the north, especially on high ground, as "extremely treacherous". In South York-shire, the Snake and Woodhead passes were covered in snow but passable. Several roads in Cumbria were blocked by snow, while in Scotland the Perth to Braemar road was blocked at Devil's Elbow, the RAC said.

High winds and rain swept parts of Wales. Five people were killed in accidents on icy roads in Surrey and Hampshire. Three men in a car died in a head-on collision with a lorry at Herriard, near Basingstoke, a motorist died in a collision with a lorry near Guildford and in the same area a motorcyclist was killed when his machine slid under an oncoming car.

Buckingham Palace studies possible spending cuts

By Nicholas Timmins Possible economies in the Royal Household's expenditure on its official duties have been under review since the middle of last year, Buckingham Palace

said yesterday. When the Government announced its first spending Cuts, a request went to the Palace for an analysis of possible economies. The Palace said yesterday: "While the studies are not yet complete, we hope to keep our spending within the Government's general

That would imply possibly a 3 per cent reduction in real terms, after pay increases for he 350 full-time staff. Salaries account for about 75 per cent of the Civil List grant

-the money provided by government to meet the expenses of the Royal Family's Buckingham Palace, St James's official duties. They are fixed and Windsor, totaled £3,300,000. in line with Civil Service rates. The savings would probably come from some small reduction

come from some small reduction in staffing and savings on such items as heating and lighting.

Last year, spending on the Civil List rose by 9 per cent in line with inflation to £2,821.000, with an extra £50,000 in December for further wage increases.

The Palace emphasized that the Civil List money is in no the Civil List money is in no sense a salary for any member of the Royal Family; it goes on the expenses of numerous offi-Since 1975 the Queen has contributed to the Civil List

costs. She provided £212,000 in this financial year to meet the expenses of the Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent, Princess Alexandra and Prin-

cess Alice, Countess of Athlone.
In 1972, the Civil List grant
was set at £980,000; expenditure in 1972 was £881,253; and
reached £1,180,000 in 1974.
Over the years, the, Royal
Household has contracted from
500 in the 1950s to just less than
than 400 in the early 1970s.

than 400 in the early 1970s. Overseas tows, maintenance of oicial residences, an othe cost of the Royal Yacht and the Queen's Flight are borne direct by Government departments.

(Last year, the Royal Yacht cost £2,150,080 and in the previous year the Queen's Flight, £1,800,000. In the last financial year maintenance of official residences.

official residences, chiefly The cost of overseas tours vary widely from year to year. Under Civil List spending,

the Duke of Edinburgh's £98,000; Princess Margaret's, £64,000; Princess Anne's, £63,000; the Duke of Gloucester's £30,000; the Duke of Gloucester's, £57,000; the Duke of Kents', £75,000 and Princess Alexandre's, £72,000.

No provision is made for the Prince of Wales, who receives revenue from the Duchy of Cornwall.

the Queen's expenses cost £2,134,200 in the current year; Queen Mother's, £200,000; Duke of Edinburgh's

New Head Master of Eton is a strong supporter of scheme for assisted places

Eton that he should be con-

as a complete surprise, Mr Anderson said in London

Mr Anderson's son, David aged 18, was a King's Scholar at Eron and is now a scholar at New College, Oxford. Boarding fees for the 1,272 boys at Eton are £1,050 a term. Mr Anderson's daughter, Catherine, aged 16, is at Casterton School, Cumbria.

Mr Anderson is a strong sup-

porter of the Government's pro-

posed assisted places scheme.

One of the worst postical mig-takes of the past becade, he said was the decision to abolish

The governors of Shrewsbury

School were showing great in-terest in the assisted places

scheme. He could not say what

the attitude of the Provost and

pointed out, however, that Eton already had 70 scholars paying

On the question of admitting girls to Eton, Mr. Anderson said he had no strong views. If a

school was to go coeducational it should be done properly, half of its intake being girls. That would significantly change

Eton's character.

Mr Anderson said be was no great lover of corporal punishment, but caning was useful in

the direct grant schools.

very low or no fees.

Mr McCrum has been elected

vesterday.

ducation Correspondent

Mr Eric Anderson, aged 43, seadmaster of Shrewsbury headmaster of Shrewsbury School, is to be the next Head Master of Eton College. His salary will be about £15,000 a Mr McCrum has been elected the next Mester of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and will leave Eton at the end of the summer term. It is not yet known whether Mr Anderson will be able to take up his post in September, 1980, or in January, 1981.

Mr Anderson's son David

College statutes stipulating that the Bead Master must be a member of the Church of England, will have to be changed with royal approval before a formal appointment can be made. Mr Anderson is a member of the Church of Scotland.

The statutes also stipulate that the Head Mester should be either a Master of Arts, or some equal or superior degree in the University of Oxford or Cambridge, or the bolder of another qualification deemed by the Provost and Fellows to be

comperable". Mr Anderson, who went to George Watson's College, Edinseorge Watson's College, Edin-burgh, wan a Garnegie Scholar-sisp to Baltiof College, Oxford, after gaining a first-class degree in English at St Andrews Uni-versity. At Oxford he was awarded a B.Litt after two years research on Sir Walter Scott.

His first teaching nost was an

Fettes College, Edinburgh, from 1959 to 1964. He then went to Gordonstoun for two years, where the Prince of Wales was er that time in the sixth form; there he developed a great admiration for the educational

admiration for the educational philosophy of Kurt Hahn, the school's founder.

After returning to Fettes to start a new boarding house, he was appointed beadmaster of Abingdon School in 1970. Five years later he was invited to become head of Shrewsbury School.

School.

The suggestion by the Provost and Fellows (governors) of used only three times.

Reactors are costlier than expected By Pearce Wright Science Editor

The cost of the first four advanced gas-cooled reactor nuclear power stations of the Central Electricity Generating Board has overrun from an original estimate of £420m to nearly £1,350m. sidered as a possible successor to Mr Michael McCrum, the present Head Master, had come

others start to supply electricity tor by the middle of 1981, 10 to the grid as they are phased years late.

England, chairman of the elec- sham £142m in 1968 and £396m tricity board, and Mr Arthur Lewis, Labour MP for Newham,

The one that has been longest delayed, Dungeness B, began in 1965 as an £89m project. The original estimate of £420m to latest revision of cost last year nearly £1,350m.

Only one of the stations is operating, and extra expense will be incurred before the year and from the second reactors by the middle of this year and from the second reactors.

in during the next two years.

The extent of the rise in cost and of the gap between the contractors' estimated dates and the completion of the stations is disclosed in an exchange of letters between Mr Glyn years late.

Electricity has been produced from Hinkley Point B, with interruptions, since 1976. Its price rose from £95m to £160m last year. The figures for Hartle-pool are £92m estimated in 1968, and £381m now; and Hey-

Mr England says that because of delays in commissioning the edvanced reactor stations, it has cost £1,200m to generate electricity in other types of power station. That reflects the economic advantages to be derived from replacing existing fossil-fired plants with nuclear

He explains efforts to improve the record of construction pro-jects and maintains that the electricity board and its con-tractors are not alone in Europe in having to deal with difficul-

generators, he says.

New forms of contract will include incentives to meet "key

scheduled airlines do not meet

Chief o' the puddin-race lies in state

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent

As Burns Night approaches, competition is coming to the competition is coming to the haggis trade on a grand scale. On Monday Mr Adam Elder, a Glasgow butcher, unveiled a 342lb haggis on Scottish Television, smid cries for recognition by the Guinness Book of Records. The previous record

Mr Elder's triumph was short-lived. The firm of David A. Hall yesterday took the wraps off a monster offal pudding 5ft long, 3ft wide and 18in deep, packed in seven ox

stomachs sewn together.
Its weight is secret, the subject of a weight-guessing competition, but it is "several hundredweight". The haggis is expected to feed several thousand inhabitants of old people's homes after being presented to the Lord Provost of Glasgow

on Friday.

Meanwhile it is lying in state at the CWS bypermarket in Glasgow, which commissioned it at a cost of more than £300. Traditionally baggis is consumed with bashed neeps (mashed swedes), champit statics (notstoes bashed with tatties (potatoes beaten with a wooden club), and liberal help-

Airline seeking cheaper foreign flights

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Britannia Airways, the charter holiday airline based at Luton, asked the Civil Aviation Authority in London yesterday-for permission to offer single and return seats on its package holiday flights at up to £100 less than normal European

If the application is granted, Britannia will move into direct competition with the big scheduled airlines, such as be able to book seats with no

holiday attached to the deal, with no advance booking period, and stay at their destination as long as they like. Mr Brian Christian, commer-

cial director of Britannia, told the hearing that discounted fares devised by scheduled air-lines were often of little use The on-demand passenger often cappot take advantage of scheduled low fares because he

is unable, or unwilling, to comply with one of the conditions, such as the minimum stay "At the

public demand because the vast majority of their services operate out of London and there is no immediate prospect of them being willing to mount services on holiday routes from provincial airports."
Among the fares proposed by

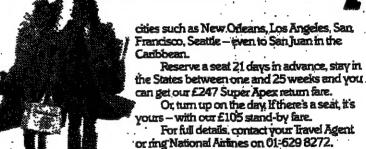
the sirline at the hearing were; Gatwick-Rimini, £61 return; Luton-Lisbon, £65; Liverpool-Palma, £72; Manchester-Venice, £66; Leeds/Bradford-Palma, £75; East Midlands-Malta, £85; Glasgow-Lisbon, £83; Aberdeen

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'Life' jail terms shorter over past five years

By Our Political Staff The average "life" prison term has been dropping slightly over the past five years in England and Wales until last year the average period of detention was nine years and eight months. Releasing the figures yesterday the Home Office, in a written parliamentary reply, pointed out that the average provided no indication of the time an individual sentenced to life was likely to serve; the full range for the 1975-79 period varied from 20 years in one case to two years and seven months in another.

The figures included persons detained during Her Majesty's pleasure under section 53(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 or for life under section 52(2) or the Children and Young Persons are 1943 or for life under section 52(2) or the children and the children are the children and the children are the children ar ion 53(2) of that Act but not people who had been previously released on licence and sub-sequently recalled to prison.

The average term served at release on licence is calculated from the date on which each prisoner was first remanded in

	Average period of detention				
837	years	months			
	10	7			
975	10	4			
976	9	10			
977	ğ	9			
978	9	8			
979	3	-			

Farmers call for easier camping

The Farmers' Union of Wales, in Gwynedd, is objecting to proposals by the county council to impose further controls on camping and caravan sites. The area includes the Snowdonia National Park and

a beautiful coastline. Local branches of the union have been campaigning for a relaxation of restrictions on encourage visits by holiday. ing urgently what should be

Cotswolds town to elect mayor

Burford, in the Oxfordshire

mission to appiont a mayor.

While local government since the reorganization of 1974 has been abandoning some of the trappings and ceremony of civic power, Burford has been campaigning for them. The townspeople have provided the money for a set of chairs and a mayoral chain, which will be presented on February 1.

Since 1620, the highest status

Since 1620, the highest status parish council in 1894.

The mayoral chair comes from The Countryman magazine, which has a long local association. The deputy mayor's chair is the gift of Vick's garage, whose founder, Mr Baden Vick, was chairman of the parish council for nine years; his daughter is now deputy mayor. About 200 deputy mayor. About 200

wins battle By-Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

Cotswolds, a market town since about 1100, has been given permission to appiont a mayor.

Since 1620, the highest status

deputy mayor. About 200 townspeople have subscribed to the other gifts.

pensions shortfall

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The Cabinet is expected to

decide tomorrow what action the Government will take over the 2 per cent shortfall in the November increase in pensions.

That emerged yesterday during the first session of the

standing committee on the Social Security Bill, after a series of prolonged points of order from Labour MPs insisting that the committee that the

ing that the committee should

not proceed until the Govern-ment made a firm statement

of its intentions.
Mr Reg Prentice, Minister

for Social Security, was is leading for the Government in the

standing committee, said that

the Government was consider-

Schools that charge high fees 'might not be eligible' By Our Education Correspondent

Independent schools which independent schools which charge very high unition fees might not be eligible for inclusion in the Government's proposed assisted places schemes, Dr Rhodes Boyson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science said watterday. Science, said yesterday.

Dr. Boyson, speaking during the committee stege of the education Bill, said the limit for fees which might be charged by schools had not yet been decided but the Covernment. decided, but the Government were auxious not to waste public money.

The cost of the scheme in the first full academic year would be about £9m, providing an average of between £600 and £750 a year to belo pay the tuition fees for 12,000 to 15,000 to 15,00 children, Dr Boyson said. The eventual cost of the scheme, scheduled to begin in Septem-ber, 1981, was expected to be Dr Boyson said the Govern-

he set fire to his jacket and sustained a blister on a finger, tried to assure the committee

that pensioners affected by the shortfall would not lose from

the early passage of the Bill, which is antended to change

the present earnings and prices

The Government hoped, he

said, that the Bill would com-

plete its committee stage by the end of February so that Royal Assent could be given in

The Government motion that

the committee should sit on

Tuesday and Thursday morn-

ings was cerried by ten votes

link to one of prices only.

ment had not yet decided what the scale of remittance would be. But it was intended that very poor people would pay nothing while a man with three children earning £5,000 gross might be expected to pay about £100 towards amuse tutton fees Mr Neil Kinnock, Opposition

spokesman on education, said the average fees of schools likely to be included in the scheme were about £1,200. Could the Government really claim that it was helping poor chil-dren when the average parental contribution would be about E500 a year? He complained bitterly about the lack of information on the

Dr Boyson gave an undertaking yesterday that a draft of the regulations would be placed before the House of Commons for its approval before the

scheme began, and ther a full report on the operation of the scheme would be made annually Cabinet action urged on

Mr Kemp, of the Randall Home, Rye Street Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, Hertford-

prosecution, said Mrs Goods had been treated for dementia

Male nurse is cleared of ill-treatment From Our Correspondent. made soon, but he could not define what "soon" meant. Mr Prentice, whose speech was interrupted briefly when

James Kemp, aged 32, a male nurse, who was alleged to have twisted an elderly psychiatric patient's arm after she kicked him, was cleared at St Albans Crown Court yesterday of ill-treating her. He was acquitted on the direction of Judge Llewellyn Jones at the end of the prosecution case.

shire, denied ill-treating Mrs Amy Goody, aged 69, in Sep-tember, 1978, at the Herts and Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stort-ford. He lives at Hale Road, Hemel Hempstead.

Mr James Robbins, for the

and John Young

The Government yesterday announced an important concession to local authorities over proposals for financing local government after united opposi-tion from the local authority

As a result, councils will have a substantially increased free-dom on their spending on capital projects. The Government has, however, insisted on the introduction of the block grant, which will enable it to identify high spending authorities and penalize them by with-drawing grant if they ignore spending guidelines.

Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, followed a meeting between him and the leaders of the three main local authority associa-

The Local Government, Planning and Land Bill, with-drawn from the Lords before Christmas after Labour opposition, is expected to be republished for introduction in the Commons in the next few

days.
Commenting on the Government's change of heart, the local authority associations in a joint starement said: "On capital expenditure we welcome concessions which will enable local authorities to use moneys from capital receipts. We are also pleased to see the abolition

of the housing cost yardstick.
"However, we remain disappointed that the Government as made no concession on the block grant, which is incom-patible with freedom." Mr Heseltine said the

essence of the new arrange-ments was to provide local authorities with maximum freedom to make their own decisions on capital expenditure, while at the same time improv ing central government control over the annual aggregate of such expenditure.

After protests from local government, the Bill will now ease the restrictions on capital spending. While allocations will be made for five main blocks of expenditure—housing, education, transport, social services and other services—as originally envisaged, councils

purpose they think fit.

The main exception to this major new freedom, is that projects of national or regional importance will need ministerial approval. There will also be some relaxation of the present arrangements under the housing investment programme system.

The Government has also relative in its former strict vales.

The Government has also re-lented in its former strict rules on overspending. Although councils will be expected to keep within set annual cuilings, failure will not automatically be unlawful.

unlawful.

Mr Heseltine wants to keep the power to penalize flagrant examples of extravagance, but he says: "No authority need fear having a direction made against it if it genuinely tries to keep within its ceiling."

He remains adament on the He remains adamant on the

block grant system, hoping it will prevent the overspenders from prospering and concludes:
"Authorities with soundlybased expenditure plans should have no qualms about justifying

Turning s rousing Mr specifically housing. Mr Heseume nounced that the Parker Morris anderds for local minimum standards for local authority building would be abandoned. So to would the cost yardstick. which has hitherto been used to limit the amount of capital expenditure eligible for subsidy.

That did not mean, he made clear thes all expenditure on

clear, that all expenditure on new investment would hence-forward qualify for subsidy. His internion was that subsidy should be directed to places where housing need was greatest. No authority should be insulated from the financial effects of its investment choices, he emphasized.

The present control system was wrong in three ways. It put authorities in a straitjacket by insisting on both minimum standards and maximum costs; it did not give them freedom on design matters; and it required too much time and

required too much time and effort.

His department's role would in future be limited to that of a long stop. An authority would need only send a copy of its proposals, with a cost estimate and perhaps a rough assessment of benefit. Similar principles would apply to control of improvement work.

originally envisaged, councils will now be free to aggregate those allocations and use the Stronger reforms demanded

on leasehold properties

centrated in a few cities, including London, Cardiff Birmingham and Newcastle. MPs of all parties are under-stood to be concerned that Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, may not have appreciated the scale of the potential hardship:

The issue dominated a meeting yesterday organized by Shelter, at Central Hall, West-

Birmingham Mr John Roberts, a self-

Glamorgao, said at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday that he was offered £6,000 to drive a car, which had £50,000 of can-nabis resin and oil hidden in it,

from Damascus to Amsterdam.

Mr Roberts, who was impris-oned in Italy when the drugs

were discovered, said he served 10 months of a two-year sed-

tence before being released

under an amnesty granted on the death of Pope John Paul in

prosecution, said that one of the gang took a Fiat car from West Bromwich to Amsterdam. It was recovered by the police and the hire firm sent a driver to fetch it back to the West Midlands.

At Dover it was found to have cannabis hidden in the body-

Mr Cox said that Mr and Mrs

Protest after

way to football

A protest is to be made to the BBC after the posiponement of last night's Omnibus pro-gramme about Stockhausen, the

contemporary composes, to make way for highlights of a Football League Cup match.

The complaint came from a

company representing Sing-circle, which was to have per-

circle, which was to have per-formed a Stockhausen work called "Stimmung". Mr Richard Price, of Elms Con-certs, said: "It was a major achievement to get anything to do with Stockhausen on the BBC. We are angry and hitterly disampeated."

Although Mr Price claimed that the programme, recorded in November, 1978, had been

postponed several times, the BBC maintained that last night was the first time it had been scheduled.

By Our Arts Reporter

music gives

From Arthur Osman

By Our Planning Reporter

Urgent attempts are to be made in the coming weeks to persuade the Government to include stronger provisions for leasehold reform in its Housing Bill, now before Parliament.

It is estimated that some 1,500,000 leases in England and Wales are due to expire in the next few years. Many are considered with the provision of the Residents of Mayfair, said there were difficulties on expensive estates which had been bought by institutional investors or by foreign companies, and; which were outside the scope of the Rent Acts. Many next few years. Many are conwere being harassed through repairs being neglected and hot water systems and lifes not

working.
Mrs. Susan Essex, of the Welsh Leasehold Reform Campaign, told the meeting that 99year lesses covered chousands of small bouses which now be-longed to institutions like pension funds.

The Bill should give lease-

Shelter, at Central Hall, West-minster, where pensioners from South Weles and young activists from industrial areas joined forces with middle-aged and distinctly middle-class residents of Mayfair and West-minster. Later they moved

£6,000 offer to drive drug car, court told

Glamorgan, said in evidence that he had stayed in Damascus and then drove the car to a larm at Bealbek, just inside Lebanou. In the car wish him was an

officer in a Syrian tank regi-ment. He later heard that the car had been "stocked" with cannabis resin and oil and he

was offered £6,000 to drive it back to Holland.

Heenan, flew from the United Kingdom to join him on the drive although she knew nothing

about the drugs in the vehicle. The car was shipped in a Russian vessel from Syria to Greece

and then to Bari. The customs

theer were suspicious and a dog

"sniffed" out the drugs, hidden under a felse floor in the boot.

By Peter Evans:
Home Affairs Correspondent
A clearer idea of the wey the
Government intend to tackle
juvenile delinquency emerged
yesterday; it represents a sharp
reversal of previous treads.
A deputation from the
Greater Manchester Police
Authority, accompanied by Mr
James Anderton, their chief

James Anderton, their chief constable, were told by Mr Leon Brittan, QC, Minister of State at the Home Office, that he shared their concern about the

way crime, and particularly juvenile definquency, was being

He told them at a meeting in

the House of Commons that, in appropriate cases, where a care-order had been proposed, courts

was the first time it had been dealt with in a way regarded as That approach, which found more suitable.

"We have to say that the Police and their supporters now been discredited in the eyes football will appeal to more have been calling for courts to of many academics who say it people than Stockhausen", a be able to punish juvenile works no better than any other spokesman added.

criminals in a way that will approach.

dealt with.

He and Miss Heenan were

Minister points to new

treatment of juveniles

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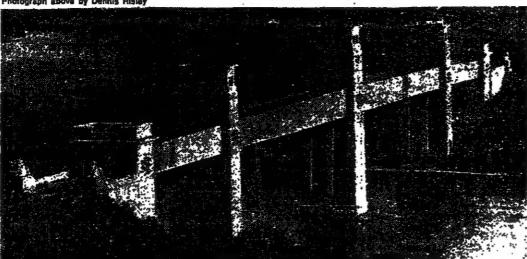
to return home instead of being ment" approach.

A girl fried, named Jennifer

employed electrician from Mid to pay off rent arrears.

Glamorgao, said at Birmingham Mr Roberts, of Pencoed, Mid





Menai Bridge changes: Engineers are using the excess load-bearing capacity of the spandrel braced main arch span steelworks on the Britannia Bridge (above) to build an upper deck for road traffic which should be completed in time for this summer's holiday traffic between Anglesey and the Welsh mainland. Big alterations are being made to the bridge's masonry towers to take the new deck. Robert Stephenson's tubular bridge for the Chester to Holyhead railway (left) was irreparably damaged by fire in May, 1979, and the steel work spans were constructed under the wrought iron tubes and used in their

Life jail for petrol death man

From Our Correspondent

A psychiatric nurse who was said to have doused his wife with petrol and then set fire to her, was jailed at Manchester Crown Court yesterday for life. Sulaman Kebba N'Jie, aged 49, of Combrook Grove, Old Trafford, Manchester, was convicted of murdering his wife,
Phyllis, at the house last June.
Mrs Justice Heilbron said:
"For this horrendous crime

there is only one sentence, and that is imprisonment for life".

Mr Justin Price, QC, for the prosecution, said the couple were estranged but still living in the same house. The wife had started divorce proceedings against Mr N'Jie, an excessive drinker, and the couple slept in separate rooms.
On June 14 Mrs N'Jie, aged

43, also a nurse, was sitting in bed reading when the defendant threw the contents of a dish over her. She began screaming "murder" and ran out of the room. Mr N'Jie grabbed her and "threw something at her", igniting her clothing.

Counsel added: woman became a human torch and flung herself through a glass door and ran into the street." She died the next day.

Mid Glamorgan.

All five have denied conspiring together and with others to assist in the commission of offences against the laws of various countries concerning the import and export of cannabis resin and oil. Mr Leonard, Mr Foy and Mr Treharne have denied an additional conspiracy charge and Mr Leonard and Mr Foy denied conspiracy over the possession of United Kingdom passports.

The trial continues today.

stick and make them more sharply aware of the conse-quences of transgressing.

with the Department of Health and Social Security.

The proposals, he told me, will be put forward for public comment, either in a Green Paper or through consultation.

Mr Brittan was able to assure the deputation he had sympathy with the belief that youngstors had perhaps a better sense of

what was right and wrong than was at present allowed for.

Building on that would, in Mr

Mr Brittan's views fit in with broader proposals, which are now being worked out in detail

Lionheart's unusual rig kept secret to confound America's Cup challengers

By Trevor Fishlock

British yachting's "secret weapon" in the battle to win the America's Cup will be revealed on the Solent in April.

Lionheart, the British challenger, will start trials with a new rig of unusual design and characteristics.

Details of the mast and sails and Swedish 12m craft off New-appears to the line of the control of the control of the mast and sails and Swedish 12m craft off New-appears to the line of the control of the mast and sails and Swedish 12m craft off New-appears to the line of the control of the mast and sails and Swedish 12m craft off New-appears to the line of the control of the control of the craft off New-appears to the line of the control of the con

characteristics.
Details of the mast and sails are at present secret. "We don't want the Americans to know what we have up our sleeves", Mr. John Oakeley, Lionheart's skipper, said vactorias

skipper, said yesterdey.

"The rig has been exhaustively tested in a wind munel at Southampton University. It is a radical improvement on existing rigs, something quite un-usual. In my view we have a winning hull, and now we have In April and May we will be out in the Solent working hard

race against Australian, French and Swedish 12m craft off New-port, Rhode Island, She must beat them all in order to take on the Americans and attempt to bring back the trophy the Americans first won in 1851, and which they have never lost.

Lionheart's programme, announced yesterday, states tersely: "July, commence sailing in Newport August, defeat Australians, French and Swedes. September, beat the

the cup". This is Britain's best organ-

the target and since then about £120,000 has been raised in promises, and cash ".

"in promises and cash".

It was announced yesterday that Mr Barrie Perry, a former dinghy champion, has joined Lionheart as second helmsman. The other crew are Tony Robbins, Alastair Munroe, Malcolm Jaques, Jonathan Layfield, Alexander Wadson, Jason Holton, Edward Danby, Mick ton, Edward Danby, Mick Atkin, Richard Clampett, Ian Himmons, David Thompson, Swedes. September, beat the Himmons, David Thompson, Americans, October, bring back Himmons, David Thompson, Charles Turner, March Martin Peter Baines and Martin Everard.

Tortured animals 'may have been sacrifices'

Isle-of Wight police are seeking a gang responsible for torturing animals. They will not speculate about black magic practices but agree that the possibility cannot be discounted that the animals were used as

This week two calves were found with two legs severed from each, and one had its stomach cut out. Ten days 2go a slaughtered goat was found with its rear legs bound with wire, its ears cut off, its neck broken and its throat cur. The animals were found near the Whitwell road, at Ventnor. Before Christmas two mutilated sheep were found at Brook. In each case no owner has reported that his animals

Two footballers convicted of assault on trainer The jury were told that after the game, which Swindon won 3—1 and during which a Gilling-From Our Correspondent Newport, Isle of Wight

ham player was sent off, Mr McHale ran off the field while

his teammates ran a lap of

honour. As he ran into the

players' tunnel, it was elleged Mr Price kicked him in the bottom. When Mr Tranter in-tervened, both Mr Price and

Mr White turned on him and he received a black eye and a

Two Third Division foot-ballers were convicted at Winchester Crown Court yesterday of an attack off the field on a trainer after a vital promotion game last season.

The Gillingham players, Ken Price, aged 24, and Dean White, aged 20, had both denied assaulting Mr Wilfred Tranter, the Swindon trainer, last May. Mr Price was also convicted of common assault against Ray McHale, the Swindon midfield

Ashton were recruited to take their Granada car to the Middle cannabis and one of cannabis East and were subsequently able to pay off rent arrears.

Mr Roberts, of Pencoed, Mid Heenan was acquitted. Judge Brodrick, QC, told the players it was deplorable there should be bouts of fisticuffs after a professional football Before the court are Keith Anthony Leonard, aged 25, of Brandwood Park Road, King's Heath, Birmingham; Michael Foy, aged 29, of Moorland Mews, Istington, London; Colin John Trebarne, aged 28, of Heol Pandysus, Penrhys, Mid Glamorgan, and Robert John Ashton, aged 24, and his wife Lynda Ann Ashton, aged 23, of Ynys-wen Road, Ynys-wen, Mid Glamorgan.

All five have dexied containing

Both were conditionally discharged for 12 months and ordered to pay costs, Mr Price £300 and Mr White £200.

cut on his face.

Mr Price and Mr White claimed that Mr Price received a blow to the back of his neck as he ran from the field. Mr White said he grabbed Mr
Tranter, when he saw him
attacking Mr Price.

Summing up, Judge Brodrick
said: "Football is supposed to
be a sport, but some of us can
now doubt if it is any longer."

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have been stolen.

Court error prejudiced innocent man

The Lord Chancellor's

Department has been criticized for being "defensive, selective and unapologetic" over a case in which a county court record giving the wrong address for two debtors led to an innocent man being refused credit.

man being refused credit.

The criticism is contained in the latest report of Mr Cecil Clothier, QC, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman). In it he explains his decision to cease publishing full texts of all reports of investigations because the practice "has not sufficient advantages either for Parliament or for the general public to justify its cest." The report states that an

t his address.
Mr Clothier criticized the Ar Clothier criticized the Lord Chancellor's Department for saying merely that they were sorry, but that the real blame lay elsewhere.

The Registry of County Court Indements said vesterday that the said that been seriously injured in an accident, the woman with whom he had been living had been seriously injured in an accident, the woman with whom he had been living had been seriously injured in an accident.

The Department of Health and Price (2.50.)

innocent man had been subjected to "embarrassment and
inconvenience" when he was
refused credit because of persistent official error in wrongly son through another woman recording two debtors as living with whom her husband had been living.

The Registry of County Court
Judgments said yesterday that
it recorded judgments against
debtors in county courts and
they were bought for 22p per
judgment by credit agencies.
The practice, a spokesman said,
was perfectly legal as the information it kept was available to
the public.

an accident, the woman with
whom he had been living had
been allowed to act for him.
The local office of the department had been in contravention
of standing instructions in the
case.

Purliamentary Commissioner for
Administration. Fourth ReportSession 1979.30 Selected Cases
1989. Solvent 1, (Steinment Office)

Threat of overtime ban by man lost NHS technicians recedes

Mr Reginald Bird, of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, secretary of the union's By John Roper Health Services Correspondent The threat of national disruption of emergency patho-logy and blood transfusion services because of a refusal by National Health Service Statis, secretary of the union's negotiating committee, said yesterday that authorities prepared to make satisfactory arrangements would be in no difficulty. Those who could not might find themselves without laboratory technicians to work overtime unless pay goes up has dwindled. A meeting of the trade union side to discuss the dispute, which affects about half the

16,000 employees, has decided to withdraw from the national

with employing authorities.

a service. The technicians are claiming £10 a night when they are on cal at home, £10 for standing by in hospital and £7.50 for being caled out. Management, have offered £5, £6 and £5. agreement on payments embers are being advised that they are free to bargain locally Present payments are E3, 54.20

Hopes fade for on Scafell

Hopes of finding a missing man alive on Scafell faded last

Six Lake District rescue teams searched the Great End area yesterday for Mr Terence Tucker, aged 30, of Rocky Lane, Monton, Eccles, Manchester, who was caught in a blizzard on Sunday. The search was suspended

when the weather worsened yesterday afternoon. Mr David Daniels, aged 30, also of Rocky Lane, tried yesterday to guide, searchers to the spot where he left Mr.

French doubts about Britain's ability to adjust to Community

WEST EUROPE____

mation of three points.

The first is that Mrs
Thatcher's personal reputation
with French leaders, and Presi-

with French leaders, and Fresi-dent Giscard d'Estaing in parti-cular, remains very high.

The second is continuing doubt, which the Dublin summit has done nothing to dispel, as to whether, in the words of a senior official, the EEC corset is not a little too tight for the British Prime Minister and whether a somewhat looser garwhether a somewhat looser gar-ment would not be more suit-

able.
The third is that Britain's eagerness to endorse the American standpoint on Iran and Afghanistan is not the best way of ensuring a sympathetic hear-ing for British demands on the EEC.

It tends to confirm the French Government's suspicion that the special relationship be-tween Britain and the United States remains as alive as ever, whatever the Government in power in London and that Britain's approach to the EEC is fundamentally different from its

partners.

The sincerity of Mrs Tharcher's attachment to the Community and determination to make Britain's weight feit in it is not in doubt. But in a way it complicates the British problem. Labour, it was felt here, would have been ready to leave with a light heart. But the Conservatives are esquert in their servatives are earnest in their desire, provided Britain obtains "justice" from its partners, to

The fundamental issue is whether British consumer habits, British trade and British industry, based on continued dependence on third countries, which in turn accounts for the huge size of the British contri-bution; are not incompatible with an economic community as it is organized at present.

ministers in Paris tomorrow to sound our France's views on what Britain is seeking to obtain from the EEC at the European summit in Brussels in March. He will obtain confirmation of three points.

The first some people are inclined to countries defend meir national interests as best they can, but within the existing Community framework and not at the ex-

The British notion of a "just return", of getting in strict accounting terms as much out of the Community as one puts in, is incompatible with the

This question whether Britain can adjust to the Community as it exists has prompted the idea being floated in French government circles that some ecial acrepgement might have to be worked out for Britain, It would enable Britain to go on benefiting from some aspects
of Community policy, such as
political cooperation, on which
it is very keen, while exempting
it from some aspects of econperson integration, such as the Common Agricultural Policy if it should be proven that Britain cannot conform with its require

But it is not in any sens French proposal or likely to be put forward as one. President Giscard d'Estaing would rather have a compromise which both enabled Britain's budger problems to be solved and the existing Community rules to be

No set figure: The British Government had no set figure in mind for a settlement of its budget contribution problem with the EEC. Sir Ian Gilmour said in Copenhagen today (Our Copenhagen Correspondent

Sir Ian, who had spent the day with Danish Ministers, including Mr Ankor Joergensen, the Prime Minister, said the Denes had shown "a considerable measure of understanding" of the problem of the British contribution.

Danish proposal to reduce armed forces

Copenhagen, Jan 22.—Mr Anker Joergensen, the Prime Minister of Denmark, proposed yesterday that the country's armed forces be reduced. The

scheme norces be reduced. The scheme needs to be supported by the Opposition if it is to be passed by Parliament.
Opposition parties expressed reservations about the plan.
General Bernard Rogers, the Nato Supreme Commander, told the Depice Prince Minister, told the Depice Prince Minister. the Danish Prime Minister last week that an increase of 3 per cent in Denmark's military budget was the minimum for ato requirements. — Agence France-Presse.

Belgium's head of drug squad arrested

Brussels, Jan 22.—The head of Belgium's drug squad, ab-other officer and a civilian police worker have been charged with drug trafficking, after an investigation into the ---Major Leon François, aged 71110 42, and two others were alleged to have sold soft drugs for their own profit since 1976, the

public prosecutor's office said. (1) (1)

The daily Le Soir reported that officers had been ellocated money in attempts to trap dealers by buying drugs. When such schemes went wrong, they sold drugs to make up the deficit.

Greek minister arrives for talks in Madrid

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Jan 22
Mr Georgios Railis, the Greek
Foreign Minister, arrived here
today for a two-day official visit to discuss matters of mutual interest, particularly with regard to the European

Economic Community.
Señor Marcelino Oreja, the
Foreign Minister, headed the welcoming party at the airport.
Mr Rallis will have an audience with King Juan Carlos, working sessions with Senor Oreia and with Senor Leopoldo Calvo-Sotelo, Spain's Minister for Relations with the

European Communities, and will sign an agreement on road Other topics likely to come up in the talks are the reper-cussions of the illness of President Tite. Mediterranean security and the build-up of East-West tension.

In an interview with the

Madrid daily El Pais before his arrival here, Mr Railis re-merked that tension in Central Asia constituted an additional difficulty for the European Security Conference, scheduled to take place here in November.

The Greek Minister also said: "Relations between Greece and Spain are developing satisfactority, especially is political aspects, since the re-establishment of democracy in both countries.

He said that in 1981 Greece would be the tenth country of the EEC and from that position would contribute to Spain's entry.

objective of the European Security Conference should be the consolidation and reinforce-ment of a spirit of diminishing tension.

the level of application of the principles of the Helsinki declaration, based on the experience acquired at the Belgrade On Cyprus, long a bone of contention between Greece and

Turkey, Mr Rallis said: "Greece wants the Secretary General of the United Nations to take the initiative towards restoring dialogue between the communities (of Cyprus) in search of 2 just and lasting solution."

course in the direction which the patrol launch had taken,

Moroccan plane fires over bow of Spanish warship Morocco, received an SOS from a Spanish fishing vessel, which reported that it had been de-tained by a Moroccan coast-guard vessel, whose crew con-fiscated its provisions

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Jan 22
A Spanish destroyer pursued
a Moroccan coastguard launch
and a Moroccan Air Force jet
fired across the bow of the warship in the datest incident in at
least four years of tension over
fishing rights and the formerly
Spanish territory of Sahara.

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The incident occurred last Thursday, but it was first acknowledged by the Spanish Navy in a communique published in Medrid today. It was the first known incident involving gunfire since November 23, when a Moroccan coastguard launch machine-gunned a Spanish fishing vessel off the southern part of the Saharan coast.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry had no comment on the try had no comment on the latest incident, and the Navy claimed that "satisfactory explanations" were exchanged between Spain and Morocco.

The Navy's communique offered few details, but said the encounter offered and cause for alarm." According to unofficial reports, the desiroyer Almirante Ferrandiz, on pairol duty off the coast of the part of the Sahara which was formerly under Maurismian control and

dent.

A ship of Liberian registry, the Libda, and its Spanish captain have been held by the Moroccan authorities in the since November 8 in a demand for payment of a fine of £130,000 for passing of £130,000 for passing through forbidden waters. Morecco claimed the Libda was transporting arms, presumebly for use by the Poliserio was recently occupied by

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Mr Railis said the essential

He said the conference should analyse, in an objective manner,

guard vessel, whose crew confiscated its provisions.

The Almirante Ferrandis arrived on the scene and, after hearing the fishermen's version of the incident, steered a new contract in the disherion which

the patrol launch had taken, presumably with the intention of finding the launch and clarifying the matter. Before it could do so, however, a Moroccan Mirage made two low passes over the destroyer.

The fighter made a third pass, firing a burst of machine gun fire across the bow of the destroyer. The ship did not open fire, and it apparently did not after its course despite the warming. That was the end of the incident.

Stadiums in

too small for

After Mrs Thancher's speech

in the House of Commons yes-terday in which she said she

was offering sites in Britain as

alternatives to Moscow for the

1980 Olympics, our sports writers examined the feasibility

Although both Crystal Palace and Meadowbank have facilities

of international standard, inclu-ding eight-lane all-wearher tarten tracks, and have staged

important events before, neither stadium could cope with any-

thing like the usual number of spectators wanting to see the Olympic track and field com-

Even with its new Jubilee stand, Crystal Palace can hold little more than 18,000 spectators, compared with the 100,000 expected at Moscow's Lenin Stadium in July, Press and telepision appearance along would

vision reporters alone would

Olympics

By Our Sports Staff

Britain

y to WEST EUROPE y to M Marchais puts on nuni dazzling TV display in defence of Moscow

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Jan 22
French Co For the French Communist Party, attack has always been the best form of defence. The outery, from extreme right to left, over the parry's unquestioning endorsement of the Moscow line on Afghanistanfar from being an embarrassment—has provided an excuse to appeal to the unswerving loyalty of the rank and file against the upsurge of "primitive anti-communism".

M Georges Marchais, the party leader, demonstrated this strategy brilliantly last night on television. For one and a quarter hours, he steamrollered the two journalists who tried the two journalists who tred vally to put embarrassing a questions to him. He made a case for Soviet intervention with a mixture of cunning and cynicism, seasoned with a strong dose of heavy-handed

How many non-communist listeners M Marchais will have convinced is difficult to tell. But he certainly comforted his nore at bome with the cut-and-dried Manichaeism of the old Salimst approach than with the ideological compromises required by the Union of the Left with the Socialists.

The case for Russia did not add much to what he had already said on television from Moscow. But the violence with which he attacked the Socialists, particularly M François Mitterrand, made it clear that the Communists' future strategy is one of withdrawal into the is one of withdrawar into the political ghetto from which they emerged in 1972 and the consolidation of their tradit-ional industrial working-class

Part of the same strategy is the reelection in 1981 of President Giscard d'Estaing al-though M Marchais said the opposite—barring the unlikely possibility that the Communists would have recovered from the Socialists by then the position of leading party of the Left.

M. Marchais, argued that Soviet intervention in Afghani-

stan was perfectly begittmate and consistent with the fundamental principles of non-interwention and self-determination.
The Afghen peoples had risen exists a feudal, tyrannical and

mckward regime.
"What funny kind of revoluling ionaries we would have been,"

of this kind takes place we shall side with the democratic

Frenchmen can now be in do doubt that, for the Communists, only capitalism is aggressive and imperialistic, while socialism is Peace-loving.
The Soviet forces in Afghant-

stan were peaceful, M Marchais' said. Mr Brezhnev had assured him solemnly at the Kremlin that Russia's approach on detente and non-intervention had not moved an inch. But peaceful coexistence did not mean accepting the status quo.
"Peaceful coexistence is also
the class struggle, nationally and ternationally, in all its forms,"

Asked why the Italian and Spanish Communists adopted an opposite view, he said with characteristic banter: "Is my name Berlinguer or Carrillo? The French Communist Party lays down its line quite independently, without consulting Brezhnev, Berlinguer or Carrillo."

Carrillo."

He skilfully plucked the patriotic chord by exclaiming that it was scandalous President Carter should claim to dictate to France that it should not participate in the Olympics, and he regretted that M Giscard d'Estaing had not yet put him in his place. "The Olympics must take place, and in Moscow. Some people are for drugs, I am for the Olympic Games."

M Mitterrand came in for a

M Mitterrand came in for a very rough time. He hadonly been a socialist since 1971. The Union of the Left was none of his doing. He had only backed it to weaken the Commusist Party and boost the Socialists to first place. He had broken faith with the common

programme of the left. The Communists were more than ever for union and victory in 1981. How would they achieve it? By union at the base, not the summit, and by becoming the first party of the left again.

The Communist counter-attack against what L'Humanité, the party newspaper, described last week as a wave of hysterical anti-communism" is unfolding on several fronts. In addition to M Marchais's heavy artillery, it takes the form of a massive recruiting campaign and also a petition signed by thousands of Com-munist "intellectuals".

Finally, there is a wholesale attack on the Government's be said, to have remained pes-ive while the Afghan people control and censorship of the vere being attacked by foreign media. But M Marchais's per-mperialism based on Pakistan. formance last night seems to control and censorship of the We are a revolutionery party, suggest it was not as effective and each time an intervention as the Communists maintain.

Brussels, Jan 22

ther of Agriculture, gave a saming here today that the IEC would be plunged into 'a major crisis' if France persisted in maintaining controls on imports of British lamb n defiance of the European Court of Justice.

sion did not now seek an pjunction from the court requiring France to remove hese restrictions forthwith He believed it should not take onger than a month to get such an injunction.

Continued French defiance hereafter, Mr Walker said, would have to be a matter for righer councils"—apparently a eference to the thrice-yearly summit meetings of EEC heads of government.

Mr Finn Olay Gundelach, the EEC Agriculture Commissioner, romised that the Commission would "do its duty", but eclined to give an assurance hat an injunction would be ought on the grounds that this and to be a decision for the ommission as a whole.

Last week the Commission ook France to court for the second time in a year over the amb affair, but if the leisurely EC legal procedures are ourse, it could be another six nouths to a year before a ver-lict is reached.

It is open to the Commission, however, to speed matters up France to suspend its import curbs immediately pending a final ruling, which is certain to endorse the court's earlier condemnation last September of virtually identical French re-

There were heated exchanges at today's meeting of EEC agriculture ministers between Mr Walker and M Méhaignerie, the French minister, in which both men accused the other of acting in had faith in bad faith.

the French were deliberately provoking a legal crisis in the hope that this would frighten other member states into agreethe lamb market favourable

or indirectly in attempts to re-solve the dispute over British contributions to the budget.

Celibacy principle upheld at

rom Peter Nichols
Rome, Jan 22
The Dutch bishops meeting tiere in a special synod called by the Pope, today expressed heir unanimous confirmation f the rule of priestly celibacy in which, they said, the Pope's

Two bishops met the press o review the synod's first nine ays. They were the Bishop of reda. Mgr Hubertus Erust, nd the Bishop of Groningen, Igr Johannes Moller. Their ppearance came after questions. oning vesterday by a member frhe synod who is believed be a cardinal belonging to ie Curia, implying that the urch bishops had questioned te issue of celibacy.

the possibility of modifying the rule had been raised in the past Now that the Pope had spoken, the matter was no lunger in question.

Russian dancer missing

ome, Jan 22 Juri Vladimirovic, a dancer ith the Moscow Academy ellet has been missing since ie company's performance in Aquila on Sunday night. The est of the company left yesteray for Bari after waiting in ain for him to join them for

A Russian vice consul arrived he journey. the afternoon from Rome.

rom Our Own Correspondent Preliminary enquiries apparently showed that the dancer, aged 32 left the hotel in which the troup was staying inl'Aquila before dawn yesterday. He then

There are reports that he has vanished. asked for asylum in Italy but they are unconfirmed. He has a wife and children in the Soviet Union and is said not to have shown support for dissent in the past.



Disquiet among civil servants in Rhodesia

Salisbury, Jan 22

Southern Rhodesia is likely to lose many of its senior and middle ranking civil servants as well as security force per-sonnel unless Britain is pre-pared to provide similar pen-sion guarantees as were granted to colonial officials in other former British dependencies

This warning was given today by Mr Barry Lennox, president of the Public Services Associa-tion (PSA) which represents about 5,000 white and black civil servents in Rhodesia.

Last week the association submitted a memorandum to Lord Soames, the Governor, urging the British Government to ensure that whatever government comes to power after next month's elections there should be no default in the payment of pensions. Mr Lengox and other PSA executives are expected to have a meeting on this matter with

There is a tremendous feeling of unease among public servants at the moment", Mr servants at the moment", Mr Robert Turner, the PSA's vice-president, said today. "A lot of fellows are planning to leave, especially those who are still young enough to take up a career elsewhere, because they feel their pensions are at stake. If they do leave it will have very serious consequences have very serious conse for this stubility."

The association's disquiet comes at a time when there are growing fears among the country's 220,000 whites that Mr Robert Mugabe's left-wing Zanu (PF) party may emerge as the first government of an independent Zimbabwe.

However the association realizes that even a more moder-

Mr Mugabe

denied entry

From Our Own Correspondent

There are growing indications that Mr Robert Mugabe, leader of the Zanu (PF) party, may not be allowed to make his planned triumphal return to

Rhodesia this Sunday unless the

dissident members of Zanu (PF) being held in Mozambique

After weeks of expressing concern about Zanu (PF)s failure to free the detainees,

British cources are now making little attempt to disguise the fact that Mr Mugabe's return is being linked to their release. It is understood that Britain is

determined to make the maximum use of the leverage it still has while Mr Mugabe remains

It is believed that at least

71 Zanu (PF) dissidents are

being held in Mozambique.
They include three former
senior commanders of Zanla
(Mr Mugabe's guerrilla army)
—Mr Dzinashe Nachingura, Mr
Elias Hondo and Mr Webster
Gwayya, Prominent political

Gwauya, Prominent political leaders like Mr Herbert Hamad-

ziripi, Mr Rugare Gumbo, Mr Mukudzi Mudzi and Dr Albert

A number of the deraineer

servers fly out: The group

of Commonwealth observers, specially formed to monitor the elections in Rhodesia, leaves London for Salisbury today,

from Rhodesia would guarantee

By Annabel Ferriman The London charity, Save the Children Fund, is launching a

£100,000 appeal to help refugees

flooding back into Southern Rhodesia from the surrounding

countries and the displaced people living in Salisbury and

Bulawayo as a result of the war

Children's fund to help

war victims in Salisbury

Cubans did not intervene.

may be

Salisbury, Jan 22

are first released.

outside the country.



Bishop Muzorewa shares a joke with Lord Soames and his wife before talks in Salisbury.

Response to Soviet action in Afghanistan and

defence are priorities as Congress reassembles

Pakistan.

committed to carrying out a widespread Africanization programme in the civil service which, until recently, had re-mained a white bastion. "We are not against Afri-canzarion," Mr Lennor said.

"We recognize that it is going to take place because one of the main differences between the constitution agreed on at Lan-caster House and the one that resulted from the March 3, 1978 agreement was the provi-sion for Africanization in the public service. "However, we are not satis-fied our pensions are assured

by the new constitution and we has a duty to assist us."
feel the British Government
What the PSA would like, and has requested on many pre-vious occasions, would be for Britain to make a public offivers agreement, as happened in all other former colonies and

From David Cross

Washington, Jan 22

When members of Congress

left Washington a month ago

for their Christmas recess, the

Senate debate on the new strategic arms limitation agree-

ment (Salt) looked as though

it would monopolize the foreign policy calendar during this

But when members recon-

a new session of Congress, they

found that the focus in both Houses had shifted completely.

Ratification of the Salt creaty had been postponed indefinitely and the emphasis now is on,

how to respond to the Soviet

invasion of Afghanistan and

how to strengthen the United

The new priorities facing

med up by President Carter in

a long State of the Union mes-sage he sent to Capitol Hill

yesterday. "We must pay what-

ever price is required to remain the strongest nation in the

world", he said. "That price

has increased as the military

power of our adversary has

grown and its readiness to use

that power bas been made all too evident in Afghanistan".

One of the first items on the

presidential election year.

This agreement would be based on the safeguards pro-vided by the Overseas Pensions normal tasks.

Aden mutineers who British troops in Crater in 1967 enjoy such rights, but not Rhodesian civil servants. According to the PSA, Rhodesia's civil servants are now technically servants of the Crown since the territory's rerurn to legality last December. The association points out that

members were actively encouraged by Britain to go to Rhodesia after the Second World civil servants were largely re-sponsible for sustaining the Rhodesian Front Government during 14 years of UDL the association says that Sir Hum-phrey Gibbs, the former Gov-ernor, urged all citizens, inclu-

rives and the Senate will shortly

begin debating whether the United States should offer

China most favoured nation treatment for its exports to this

A decision, widely expected to be approved, to offer Peking special treatment for its goods would leave the Soviet Union as the only important nation

still not enjoying such trade

At the same time various

congressional committees were

meeting to discuss the various

Administration has already taken against the Soviet Union following Moscow's invasion of

The latest recaliatory meas-

ure, announced as recently as yesterday by the Commerce Department, banned export licences for American computer parts used in the Soviet Urson's largest lorry plant. The

Administration claims that the lorries are being used in the

The Pentagon has also dis-

closed that it has ordered a

flight of . B52 bombers to fly

over a task force of Soviet ves-sels in the Indian Ocean.

In his message to Congress President Carter said that mili-

tary and economic aid to Paki-

stan to strengthen that coun-

retaliatory measures

country.

Afghanistan.

vice, to carry on with their

The British Government has argued that public service pen-sion rights are adequately safeguarded in the constitution drawn up at Lancaster House, point rejectd by the PSA. "We bave seen what has

happened in the rest of Africa," said Mr Turner. "Even our present constitution is being tora up after less than a year. The British have put forward two reasons why Rhodesian

public servants cannot be in-cluded in the Overseas Pensions Act. First, it is argued that the Act applies only to "expansiates". Because Rhodesia was self-governing since 1923, its public servants are regarded as

The PSA has replied by saying that the Act nowhere refers specifically to "expatriates" and that many locally recruited

During a meeting with the Senate foreign relations com-mittee yesterday, Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State,

began seeking congressional ap-proval for \$400m (£175m) aid over the next two years as part of international efforts to help

As part of its new campaign to build a strengthened frame-work for regional cooperation

in the Near East and South-west Asia, the Administration is also asking Congress to approve increased military aid to Egypt totalling \$1,100m over

the next two years. Part of the Administration's response to be approved shortly, would be used to purchase F16 fighter aircraft and other sophisticated

Other measures are expected

to be unveiled tomorrow night when President Carter speaks

to a joint session of Congress to deliver his annual State of the Union address. The speech

will focus almost entirely on foreign affairs and outline the Administration's response to

recent events in South-west

Meanwhile, several European

Meanwhile, several European leaders began arriving in Wash-ington today for a series of meetings with President Carter this week which are expected to

Herr Wilhelm Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister,

focus on the Soviet invasion who called at the White House

military equipment.

the world have had their pensions safeguarded.

is the question of cost which is estimated at £260m (the total value of existing pensions and people qualifying for pensions in the civil service, armed forces

and police).
The PSA justists that the organization is not asking for this amount to be paid by the British taxpayer. That would be the responsibility of the government formed after independence, it would merely be up to Britain to ensure the Zimbabwe Government fulfilled this respon

"We feel we have had a raw deal," Mr Turner said. "In all other independence conferences the civil servants were represented. This did not happen at Lancaster. House and as a result we now feel there is not much future for us here. If we

early today, told .Mr Carter .it

was important that all Western nations stand together in con-fronting the Soviet Union A

European Community's response to the Soviet invasion among

other topics, Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Italian Prime Min-

ister and current President of the EEC's Council of Ministers, is due to meet Mr Carter here

According to reports reaching the Scale Department here, the situation confronting Soviet

troops on the ground in Afghen-istan is bleak. A State Depart-

that heavy snow is discupting

troop reinforcements and sup-plies of food and fuel to the

occupying forces. Moreover, a

occupying torces. Moreover, a sack of food is prompting de-sertions among Afghan troops. Civil disturbances are con-tinuing in cities and several Soviet soldiers have been injured or killed by Afghans at aports matches and reagaous

ceremonies, the spokesman said. Intelligence sources in Washington estimate that as many as 2,000 Russian troops have died in the fighting in recent days.

comorrow.

Second, and more important

Crystal Palace also has chronic traffic difficulties, Meadowbank had use of additional temporar yseating for spectators when the 1970 Commonwealth Games were staged

tion of those places.

It is difficult to imagine why either the Solent or Clyde were suggested as being suitable Olympic yachting venues. For years, Britain's main interbeen based at either Poole or Weymouth, When the Olympic Games were last held in Britain, the yachting was at Torbay, and this year's selection trials will be at Weymouth.

The Solent, with its strong sides fickle breezes and com-mercial shipping, cannot provide the sort of courses (three circles each of about two miles diameter) that the Olympic

Until a few months ago, Wey-mouth was being developed as Britain's future base for Olympic yachting. A new harbour was planned, together with the facilities required for large, international regattas. The scheme was a victim of the economic climate and has been

However, an acceptable Olympic regatta could undoubtedly be staged at short notice in Weymouth Bay.

strong reaction to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the only way to show Moscow that such action would not be toler-ated, Herr Genscher added. A short while later, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Euro-The Holme Pierrepont rowing course is designed for inter-national rowing and theoretic-ally the 1980 Olympic regatta could be held there. pean Commission, called at the White House to discuss the

However, when Britain suc-cessfully bosted the 1975 world rowing championships at Holme Pierrepont, the preparations took three years. At such short notice, a 1980 Olympic regatta on the Nottingham course would be a most unsatisfactory spectacle.

Irish consider: The Irish Government is unlikely to heed President Carter's call for a boycott of the Moscow Olym-pics (our Dubin correspondent writes).

A letter from Mr Carter to Mr Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister, seeking support for the boycott has not yet been inswered. A Cabinet meeting in Dublin last week, however, decided that it was not a matter for any government but for the international Olympic com-

French accept: The French National Olympic Committee decided yesterday to accept the Soviet invitation to the Olympics (Charles Hargrove

Americans ban Hermitage art exhibition

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 22

In its latest demonstration of displeasure over the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the United States today announced steps to stop a huge Soviet art exhibition due to be seen in Washington and other cities later this year.

The exhibition of art from the Hermitage in Leningrad, was due to open in Washington in May at the National Gallery of Art. It was also to have visited Minneapolis, San Fran-cisco, Decroit and New York during the next two years.

London for Salisbury today, our Diplomatic Correspondent writes. Members are from India, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, Nigeria, Papua, New Guinea, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka.

President Alhaji Shehu Shagari of Nigeria said in Natrobi yesterday that the withdrawal of South African troops from Rhodesia would guarantee A Stace Department spokes-man said that the Administra-tion could not recommend that the exhibition was "in the national interest" of the United States at this time. It necessary. legal waivers to allow the show to four here.

'doomed to failure'

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Jan 22 Any attempt to punish the loviet Unio nby economic

neens for its intervention in Afghanistan was "doomed to failure", said Herr Guido Brunner, the EEC Commissioner for Energy, in Bonn tonight.

In the most outspoken statement so far by a member of the European Commission on events in Afghanistan, Herr Brunner told the German Society for Foreign Policy that such retalization would "lead

he was not ignoring the expan-sion of Soviet power, but he to make the Russians change their behaviour by force. "The Sovier Union can only be con-quered' by involvement in a

prospect of economic breakdown, anarchy and a return to the Dark Ages.

cheaply elsewhere.

European Conference on Security and Cooperation to examine "all the possibilities of improving, and not dismantthe East block states".

oil and refined petroleum pro-ducts into the EEC to provide, funds for the development of new energy resources in the Community.

This idea is being discussed within the Commission, but is

opposed by some Commissioner who would prefer a tax on in

Moves to switch Games gather momentum

Continued from page 1 He did not think it would be possible to organize an akerpossible to driganize an anet-native Olympic Games, with the full range of events. But it would be possible if the games were limited to the field

These could be held at any one of the big venues which were well-equipped to deal with such events. He mentioned Munich, Montreal, and Los

Angeles.

Defenders of the "Olympic ideal", Lord Exeter, formerly a champion hurder, and Lord Luke, both members of the International Olympic Committee had a stormy reception when they attended a meeting of the Conservative party sports and recreation committee at the Commons last night.

About 50 Conservatives attend and all the 30 er so speakers disagreed with Lord Exeter's contention that it was right to continue with the Moscow: games,

One young MP said afterwards: "We were appalled that he (Lord Exeter) felt that the Olympics could be kept entirely separate from politics."
At one stage, Lord Exeter is reported to have argued that the Afghanistan war was "only a little war.", it was not impor-

there was a threat to peace and to the democratic world Several MPs, when they came out, said that Lord Exeter had talked a lot of rubbish Our Political Editor writes: A

tant. He would not agree that

hint that Government retalia-tion against the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan might extend to export credits given to Warsaw Pact allies was given yesterday by Mrs Thatcher. It came after a meeting of senior Cabinet ministers.

It had already been firmly predicted in Whitehall that the Government would not renew next mouth the preferential low interest export credit arrange-ment for the Soviet Union ment for the Soviet Union which was originally agreed by Sir Harold Wilson. Some £400m of the original £950m credit line has not yet been taken up.

However, Mrs Thatcher seemed unaware at question time yesterday that the Export Credit Guarantees Department was funding feed grain for Poland which could go straight to the Soviet Union. Lord Carrington, Foreign

Secretary, is expected to announce, according to Whitehall sources, a curtailment of ministerial and official and cultural contacts with Soviet Union.

New Zealand reprisal reduces Soviet fishing quota From Our Correspondent landers felt about Soviet action.

Wellington, Jan 22
New Zealand is to reduce
Russia's fishing quota as part
of a package of reprisals
against Sovier military inter-

vention in Afghanistan Other measures include the curtailment of official contacts with Moscow and government support for a charge in venue for the Moscow Olympics.

Announcing retaliatory proposals after the first Cabinet meeting this year, Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister, said New Zealand was not content to display its displeasure by words alone. Together with other countries it was prepared to take concrete steps to bring to the Russians the degree of outrage New Zea-

"My colleagues and I deplore the action the Russians have taken and are disturbed by the threat this has created to world peace", Mr Muldoon

Among the measures an-nounced by the Prime Minister are the cancellation of planned visits to Moscow by two ministers and the cancellation of negotiations on scientific and cultural education.

at present bososed to fish in New Zealand's economic zone) and the dock facility at the Auckland navel yard is to be denied to Russian sleps.

Plans for trade talks later this year are being left in abeyance. The change of venue for the Olympic Games would be left to New Zealand's Olympic Games Committee, but the Gov-ernment would welcome a more by that committee to transfer the Games to some other venue even if that involved postponement for a year. A spokesmen for the committee said the lat-

ter proposal was "not on". Mr Wallace Rowling, the Leader of the Labour Opposition who had earlier called for a full diplomanc trade embargo criticized the Government's decision for not going for enough. The Government had studiously avoided meas-ures which bore a dollar sign,

ment was "not inclined" to follow Mr Rowling's advice to impose trade sanctions which would harm the country. He described Mr Rowling's attitude as irresponsible.

A Russian journalist has been wirhin 72 hours. He is Dr Sergei Zimin who has been in New Zealand four and a half years representing Novosti

When asked why a journalist and not a diplomat was to be expelled Mr Muldoon said: "He is of no value to New Zealand. While we would have been prepared to let him stay in normal times, this is enother gesture of protest to the Soviet Union."

Warning of EEC crisis if French defy lamb ruling From Michael Hornsby

Mr Peter Walker, the Mini-

It would set an "unbelieve-tible precedent", Mr Walker aid, if the European Commis-tion did.

Mr Walker contended that

Mukudzi Mudzi and Dr Albert Taderera have also been held.

The release of these men could have a considerable impact on next month's election. Many of them are from the Karanga tribe who live around Fort Victoria and comprise about one third of the country's black population. Hitherto the Karangas were believed to be strongly behind Mr Mugabe's party, but the return of the dissidents could divide their loyalties. to France.

M Méhaignerie maintained that the British were wilfully common lamb policy that would common lamb policy that would coffer support for high-cost French sheepfarmers and enable them to cope with competition from cheap British imports. The French argue that have been nominated in next month's election by the National front of Zimbabwe, a recently formed Karanga-based party. With only just over five weeks to go before the elec-tion, a delay in Mr Mugabe's return at this stage could hamper his party's election

they cannot be expected to accept the full implications of free trade in lamb when prices are depressed by large British imports of New Zealand lamb.

The lamb imbroglio now appears to be insoluble at any level except that of heads of government, and it is certain to

res osynod by Dutch bishops

Asked whether most Roman Carbolics in Holland supported relaxation of the ban, he said that the bishops would shide by the Pope's decision. They would not ordain priests unwilling to accept celibacy.

The Pope has strended most of the 36 hours of discussion. So far he has not spoken, limiting his contacts to the two chairmen, the secretariat and, probably, some of the six cardinals of the Curia whom he appointed to the synod.

in the provinces.

The organization bas just opened an office in Salisbury and is particularly concerned with the displaced people, who do not come within the ambit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees because they are not refugees

> about half of whom are mothers and young children. The refugees cannot all be returned to their former homes because there is still tension and unrest in some areas and because the ceasefire came too late for the planting season for

The fund estimates that there

are about 400,000 people away

from their homes at present,

harvest in some areas this year. But where it is possible they are encouraging refugees to go home and providing food for them locally.

Shortage of food within the sources are a providing to not a

country as a whole is not a problem, since Rhodesia is a net exporter, but it has to be properly distributed. The fund wants to include vegetable seeds in the distribution so that villagers can provide them-selves with some food until the maize crop is ready.

The fund also wants to teach craft and technical subjects to the boys past school age in the rescue centres, so that they can help in the reconstruction of villages. The girls will be taught horticulture, small eni-mal husbandry and community

Au estimated £100,000 needed for the immediate refu-gee programme, which will include the tracing of many of

congressional calendar will stan to strengthen that coun-symbolize the change of try's security now that Soviet emphasis in foreign affairs. Both the House of Representa-a priority. Trade penalties on Russia

only to a dangerous spiral of mutual provocation and econonic conflict". Herr Brunner insisted that

web of economic ties with the rest of the world," he said. Political differences between East and West must not be allowed to jeopardize "economic relations that have been painfully developed over many years". Without the establishment of "new and reliable conditions for economic cooperation", the Commissioner de-clared, the world faced the

the Dark Ages.

Herr Brunner called for the setting up of a world security council for economic affairs to undertake such tasks as the reshaping of the international

division of labour. European nations must resist the tempta tions of a fortress economy and be prepared to abundon the manufacture of goods that could be made better and more He also proposed the convening of an energy conference within the framework of the

ling, economic cooperation with Herr Brunner went on to call for a tax on imports of crude

ternal energy consumption. The scheme seems certain to be shot down by the French and West

the number of Russian fishing vessels for the season beginning April I (18 Soviet vessels are

Israel postpones April polls in 25 Arab towns on West Bank

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Jan 22

The Israeli Government today ordered an indefinite postponement of elections for 25 Arab municipalities on the West Bank of the Jordan.

Last held in 1976, the elections were due to have been held again in early April and a number of Arab politicians had begun preparing for them. Most people believe that they would have resulted in sweeping victories for many of the more radical Palestinian leaders in the occupied region.

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According to an Israeli Army spokesman, the decision to delay the polls was taken because of the possibility that they would have taken place at almost the same time as elections to the proposed Palestinian Autonomy Council.

But his announcement came

But his announcement came at a time when the possibility of autonomy elections appears more remote than ever. Because of the deadlock in Israeli-Egyptian negotiations and the refusal of local figures to play any part in them, early agree-ment on a viable autonomy scheme is not likely.

Pressed on this point, the rmy spokesman said: Army spokesman said: "Frankly, I don't know if there is anybody who thinks that the autonomy negotiations will suc-ceed. But we have got to work on the assumption that they will be completed by the target date of May 26."
He added that if the auton-

omy elections did not in fact take place the decision to put the municipal polis would "reviewed".

The postponement has caused anger among leaders of the 700,000 Palestinians living in the West Bank, Many mayors say the Israelis are trying to disguise the level of popular backing for known supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The great majority of the people and the municipal coun-cillors are pro-PLO. By impos-ing this postponement, the occupiers are trying to cover up the facts", Mr Karim Khalef, the Mayor of Ramailah, said. "I can assure them that elections for the so-called autonomy will never take place. There is not a candidate or a

the elections would be con-ducted on a political basis be-cause there is now almost complete understanding between the PLO and the West Bank", he told me, "The military government may try to stop the people expressing their opinions, but that does not mean they can change them."

It is known that some senior Israeli politicians and Army officers fear that the West Bank elections would be used by radical Arabs to stir up opposition to the proposed autonomy scheme for the area. This was

published last weekend after being completely rejected by Egypt.
The first elections held in the West Bank under Israeli military rule were in 1972, when they were opposed both by Jordan and the PLO. Four years later, under a much-expanded franchise which included women for the first time, the West Bankers went to the polls again and radical politicians scored convincing victories, over the

moderates in most towns.
It is understood that in the absence of new elections the sitting Arab mayors and councillors will in their posts. Gaza Strip, the other section of territory occupied in 1967, is not affected by today's ruling as elections are not perthere and the Arab mayors are appointed by the Israeli military government. Egypt visit: Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, visit to Egypt during which he is expected to make attempts

to defuse the crisis between Egypt and Israel over the queson of Palestinian autonomy. Although his main object is take part in talks about the forthcoming military withdrawal from Sinai, Mr Weizman is expected to encourage the Egyp-tian authorities to step up the pace of the process of improv-

In the past, Mr Weizman has often shown himself as the Israeli minister best able to achieve a personal rapport with his Egyptian counterparts. But official sources in Israel acknowledge that on this occasion be faces a daunting task in view Similar views were expressed he faces a daunting task in view by Mr Elies Freij, the mayor of of the differences which have Bethlehem, who was regarded emerged on the autonomy issue.







Senator Kennedy (left) forces a smile after conceding defeat in Iowa, while Mr Carter and an elated Mr George Bush (right) celebrate victory.

Janata MPs defect to Mrs Gandhi's party

Although Janata did poorly in the recent hamonal elections it still controls the state governments in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and a number of other important states. Some of Mirs Gandhi's supporters have called on these state governments to

The move in Haryana today increased the Congress (I) strength to 48 in the 90-member assembly and meant that resignation there was not necessary, with the Congress (I) automatically forming the new administration.

administration.

Mr Bhajan Lal, the Haryana
Chief Minister, told reporters
after his switch of loyalties
that he had always been a
Congress supporter at heart
and had "returned home".

In Delhi, the newly constituted Lok Sabha (Lower House)
today unanimously elected Mr
Bai Ram. a member of the today unanimously elected Mr
Bai Ram, a member of the
Congress (1) Party, as Speaker.
Mrs Gandhi, who proposed
the motion for Mr Ram's
election, said that while she
conceded the need to safeguard the rights of the Opposition this should not mean
obstructing the Government
from discharging its responsibilities.
Mrs Gandhi has said she had

Mrs Gandbi has said she had no time to lose in tackling the country's serious law and order

By this afternoon, the front had won 83 out of 125 seats de-clared in the 140-sear state legislature (Kuldip Navar writes

from Delhi).

The United Democratic Front, led by Congress (I) Party, had secured 41 seats The leftists have done better than in the recent general election when they secured only 11 out of 20 seats in the Lok

Mrs Gandhi cannot be happy with the result because soon after assuming office she went to Kerala for the campaign and appealed to the electorate to vote for a combination which believed in strengthening the hands of the central Govern-ment. The leftist front, on the

the Communist Party of India (CPI) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) have joined hands in the recent past—hailed their victory as "the future alternative at the national level".

Mr Rajeshwar Rao, general secretary of the CPI, said: This victory immediately after the Congress (I) success in the Lok Sabha elections proved that the so-called Indira wave does not work where the left is strong and united and allied

Dr Sakharov and church figures among many victims

Russian action against dissidents Delhi, Jan 22—The Chief Leftists victory: The leftist Minister and 37 Janeta Party members of the Haryana state assembly have defected to Mrs assembly have defected to Mrs clear majority in Kerala, India's assembly have defected to Mrs southern-most state, which went Rv Peter Reddaway agitation. Police investigating. 1968 and 1971 for can

The announcement yesterday that Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Russian physicist, has been stripped of all state honours, coincides with an intensifying campaign against dissidents in many parts of the Soviet Union. In Moscow, independent groups within the Orthodox Church are a main target. According to Father Dmitry

Dudko, a popular priest, the authorities have launched their offensive. They want to silence dissenting voices in the church as much as possible. . . Sound the alarm! Silence

and compromise are tactical steps, they betrayal." Father Dudko just before his arrest last week. "If anything appens to me", he wrote, " let

this letter be my message."

On January 8, Mrs Tatyana
Shchipkova, aged 40, a member of an unofficial seminar on
religious philosophy, was sentenced to three years of hard
labour for "malicious hooliganism". When police broke in on the seminar last February, without a search warrant, an officer seized her and twisted her arm. She cuffed him. That formed the basis of the charge.

another participant in the seminar, Mr Vladimir Poresh. He is charged with anti-Soviet

his case have searched many houses and confiscated large

Father Gleb Yakunio. Moscow priest arrested in November seems likely to face charges connected with theft of icons, on the basis of evidence by a wimess who gave perjured testimony in a previous case. An appeal that has just reached the West and is signed

by 175, people says the real reason for Father Yakuzu's arrest is his untiring work for the Christian Committee to Defend Believers' Rights. The signatories, who are headed by Mr Igor Shafarevich, an eminent mathematician, demand Farher Yakunin's release. Also in Moscow, police have arrested Mr Mikhail Solovov, who took part in an ettempt to put up independent candi-

dates in the last Soviet elec-tions. Mrs Malva Landa, a member of the unofficial Hel-sinki monitoring group, who has been charged with "slan-dering the Soviet system" in group documents, has had to sign an undertaking that she will not leave the town In Samarkand, Dr Rollan Kadiyev, a leader of the exiled Crimean Tatars, has been arrested after the trials of other Tatars and attacks on him in the Central Asian press. Dr Kadiyev, a physicist, served a three-year sentence between

In Lithusmia, Mr Vicaldas

Skuodis has been arrested after house searches in Vilnius two weeks ago. A geologist at Vilweeks ago. A geologist at Vilnius University, Mr Skuodis is
charged with adding his signature to an appeal for the
removal of Soviet troops from
the Baltic republics.
On 4 January, Mr Arvidas
Cebanavicius of Kaunas, one of
45 Balts who circulated the
appeal, was interned by a court
in a prison prechietric hospital. in a prison psychiatric hospital.

In the Komi Autonomous
Republic in the Urals Mr
Mybaylo Osadchy a widelyadmired Ukrainian novelist. serving a term of exile, has been charged with craminal negligence. He allegedly allowed a storehouse under his to three years in jail. In Leningrad, the KGB has

launched a drive to stamp out the emergent Soviet feminist movement. Editors and contri-butors to Women and Russia-have been told that if further issues appear house searches and warnings will be replaced by arrests. Two of the editors, Miss Tatyana Goricheva, a writer on church affairs, and Miss Tatyana Mamonova, an artist and poet, are under particular pressure. Women and Russia is due to

Ugandans worried by arrests

Godfrey Binaisa of Uganda today met his Cabinet to dis-Tanzanian soldiers:
All 400 men from Kajjansi village on the outskirts of Kampala were arrested after three Tanzanian soldiers had been stoned to death in the village on Sunday night. Villagers say that most of the men have now then released but that 30 are still being held Villagers, claim the Tanzanians have warned them they will return to the village

Police sources said today they were "gravely concerned "about a situation in which armed forces intervened in what should have been a routine police maner.

The source said that Mr. Paulo Muwanga. Internal Affairs Minister, had met police officials to discuss the situation. Police yesterday said the three Tanzanians out of a group of 30 were stoned to death after stealing 30 crates of beer. That night 15 lorrysurrounded the village, made all the men lie on the ground, beat them, and then marched them the 15 miles to Entebhe. Idi Amin, the former president, now in exile in Saudi Arabia, may be tried in his Ugandan interim parliament is passed.—Agence France Presse.

Israelis to open embassy in the Cairo Hilton

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Jan 22 The Israel Embassy will start operating in Cairo on Monday from a room in the Hilton Hotel because suitable permanent accommodation has not vet been found. Mr Begin, the Prime Minister told the parliamentary foreign affairs com-mittee in Jerusalem today. An Israel delegation has been by suggesting another Camp searching for quarters for the David summit. past week and will remain in

Cairo to continue the search, he said. The Israelis want premises in one of the central areas of the city.
The Egyptians have not yet

sent a delegation to find quar-ters in Tel Aviv but a Foreign Ministry source in Jerusalem said they would have no difficulty. "We have done our homework very diligently", the source said. "We prepared 40 different possibilities to choose

Under the peace treaty, diplomatic and consular relations are to start and ambassa-dors exchanged upon Israel's completion of the withdrawal in Sinai to the El Arish Ras

big Liberal lead

party, fighting hard to stave off defeat in the narious

defeat in the national election on February 18, received bad

news yesterday when a public opinion poll showed it to be far behind the Liberals.

The poll, conducted by the CTV television network last week, gives the Liberals 51 per cent of the popular vote to 31

per cent for the Conservatives.
Third-party and undecided voters account for the remaining 18 per cent.
The result indicates that the

Liberals have retained the wide

margin of public support with which they entered the cam-paign. A poll taken just before

the minority Conservative Government fell on a Commons

confidence vote on December 13 gave the Liberals the same

20-point edge. In Vancouver yesterday, Mr

Joe Clark, the Prime Minister, conceded that the Tories' own opinion surveys "reflect about the same kind of situation" as

the CTV survey. He claimed to be still confident of victory,

however, since Tory opinion polls also showed that the Liberals could not keep Mr Pierre Trudeau, their leader, from "facing the issues" much

He accused the former Prime

campaign and has refused to take part in a tele-vised debate, of contempt for

Minister, who is conducting a

poll shows

From John Best Ottawa, Jan 22

Canadian opinion | Three killed in

Mohammad line. The Israelis will withdraw on Friday, a day ahead of schedule, because January 26 falls on the Jewish

before the parliamentary com-mittee today, refuted critics who accused him of inviting American pressure on Israel over the autonomy negotiations Mr Begin said Israel had not

initiated another summit and would not do so. However, critics said he seems to have been fishing for an American initiative last week when he said he would respond to an invitation from President Carter Ban on students: Arab students returning home to the West Bank from Cairo have reported a new bar on their admittance to un-

iversities in Egypt a military spokesman said in Tel Aviv today. Egyptian authorities bad told them they would no longer be accepted unless at least one parent had been born in Egypt.—AP.

South Africans 'infiltrated international student fund? African authorities with thou-Stockholm, Jan 22

The secretary-general of an international student fund said today that South African secret police had infaltrated his organization and must have compro-mised thousands of black students from southern Africa as well as Latin American stu-

The allegation was made by Mr Lars-Gunnar Eriksson, Swedish secretary-general of the International University Exchange Fund (IUEF) based in Geneva, which provides scholarships and travel stipends for about 3,000 students in southern Africa and Latin

deputy director, had revealed himself recently as a captain in the South African secret police.
At a meeting last Friday, reprisals were threatened against Mr Eriksson and his family if Mr Williamson was not kept in the fund. The fund, which scrively

supports anti-doartheid groups and investigates human rights violations, is financed by the Scandinavian countries, the Netherlands and Canada. It has an annual budger of approxi-mately 2m Swiss francs mately 2m Swiss francs (£600,000). Mr Williamson's key position

sands of photographs and documents on individual stuenes, Mr Eniksson stated. The fund was contacting those it believed to have been com-He told reporters about a meeting with Mr Williamson last

rices and director of their foreign operations.

"General Coetzee wanted Mr Williamson kept in his IUEF southern Africa and Latin
America.

He told a Stockholm press
conference that Mr Craig Wilkamson from South Africa, his
was not done." Mr Eriksson said:

Mr Williamson has since vanished after disclosures in The Observer, according to Mr Eriksson, who arrived in Sweden yesterday. His wife and three-year-old child are under protec-tion somewhere in Western Europe. Formal complaint: The Interna-

tional University Exchange Fund said today it is lodging a formal complaint with the Swis authorities accusing Mr William son of "various criminal offences arising from his actions as an agent of the South African

Air controllers in Moscow decree orders sterner dispute near Iran crash site

controllers and the Iranian Government may have contributed to the crash on Monday of an Iran Air Boeing 727 jetimer in which 120 died in the snow bound mountains north of Tehran, radio and press reports from Tehran said yesterday.

The controllers had conducted a work-to-rule for several

days before the accident, which resulted in cancellations of several domestic flights and delays on the day of the crash. Iran's official Pars news agency said the action ended 12 hours before the crash, but the Italian news agency Ansa reported that Iran Air suspended all flights yesterday because of a strike and said some employees were conductive to the conduction of the conduction of

ployees were conducting a sit-in on one of the main runways The report quoted airport sources as saying the controllers and other airport employees had frequently interrupted serprotest against the replacement of managers by people con-sidered more loyal to the Islamic regime of Ayatollah

The airliner's flight recorder was found yesterday and taken to the Revolutionary Council. Iran Air grounded all its aircraft as a gesture of mourning for the 120 passengers and eight crew who died.—UPI and

measures against lazy workers From Michael Binyon obligatory political education Moscow, Jan 22 As the sluggish Soviet

economy moves into a period of falling growth and increasing difficutlies, the Russians have decided to deal firmly with lazy workers.

An important party decree

on labour discipline has ordered sterner measures against the millions of factory employees who come to work drank, who are idle and sloppy on the shop floor, frequently change jobs or go absent without leave. The decree, published by the

Communist Party Central Committee, the Government and trades unions, is a harsh indictment of the chaptic indolence that characterizes many enterprises.

It largely blames local perty officials, factory managers, foremen and planners for not enforcing regulations already on the books to deal with workers who do not do their iobs properly.

In future, the decree says, more attention should be paid

informal factory gatherings where lazy or drunk workers are censured by their colleagues. Greater incentives should be given to those who stay in the same job and regularly turn up to work on time, and bonuses and holidays should be cut for those guilty of absenteeism.

The decree blames adminidirectors,

strators, factory directors, party, trade union and Komsomol (Communist youth league) organizations. deputies to local soviets (assemblies) for not paying Soviets enough attention to the need to strengthen labour discipline. It says a great deal of time is wasted in factories on things that have nothing to do with

productive work.
"Many social organizations hold meetings during working hours, as well as consultations, seminars, gatherings, sports, competitions, amateur performances and other activities." The decree does not mention the meetings, propaganda sessions and trade union gatherings, which take up a significant part of the working week.

It says party organizations do not do enough to increase the personal responsibility of economic administrators to enforce discipline and instit

In particular they are guilty of tolerating one of the banes of all Soviet enterprises. absenteelsm.

Sociologists, who have studied the way people take time off illegally from work to do their shopping, wait in queues and arrange their personal affairs, find that the loss of production in the control of productive time runs into

millions of man-hours. The decree says the rational use of time and the formation of a stable workforce is one of the most important tasks of the Communist Party. Local party workers should also do more to raise the efficiency of production and inculcate a communist attitude to work."

Another difficulty the decree

emphasizes is the high turnover of labour. This has long plagued factory managers. From 1940 until after Stalin's death it was a criminal offence to leave one's sanction or assignment to a letternative place of work.

But since 1956 people have been allowed to quit their jobs voluntarily, and since then the sannual turnover rates have 19 and 20 per 19 and 2 place of work without official sanction or assignment to an

leaving are included, such as military service, retirement and the ending of temporary work, the rate goes up to 30 per cent: that is, almost one in every three workers leaves his job each year. In the construction industry, this In the construction industry this figures rises to about 63 per Experts have estimated that

it takes people a month before they start a new job. It then takes up to three months before their production levels reach the works those of their colleagues. The unsolved.

waste in working time and in money spent on training is considered very high. The decree offers new incentives to people staying in their jobs. From the beginning of next

year they will be entitled to extra holidays, on condition that they are not regularly absent during working hours.

Unsaterrupted service of 25 years for men and 20 years for women at one factory will also entitle a worker to a 10 per cent

bonus in the old age pension.

More money will also be available to help newly weds and good workers buy their own cooperative flats.

The decree urges factories to use their workforce more efficiently, cut the high proportion of manual labour, and do more

to publicize the achievements of outstanding workers, beroes and veterans of labour.
The Soviet leadership, already bracing itself for a gloomy economic future, aggravated by the American trade embargoes, the shortage of hard currency and the falling birth rate, has clearly decided to remind party fund

tionaries that they should take their duties more seriously.

It is likely to be a popular move. Chaos and disorder in factories is increasingly angering the average citizen. Part of the present nostalgia for the tough law-and-order of Stalin's

to a factory manager. It is virtually impossible to sack anyone in the Soviet Union, and there is no spectre of unemploy-

there is no spectre of unemployment to frighten people into working conscientiously.

The present centralized economic planning gives little scope for real incentives at local level. and although a series of measures in the past year have been taken to try to make [24]; fories more efficient and fespones sive to the needs of the economy the basic problem of how to get the workers to work remains unsolved.

'Negligence' cuts the Cuban sugar crop andoubtedly mean a fall in out-

From Jacques Thomet Havana, Jan 22

Delays caused by "negligence", shortage of equipment, bad weather and lack of spare parts have hit the Cuban sugar crop, the newspaper Granma reported. The first figures for 1980 indicated a 25 per cent drop in mechanized output compared with the national plan's pared with the national plan's

A blue fungus disease, in one-fifth of the island's plantations has also hit produc-tion. Cuba is the world's chief sugar producer. Even before the 1980 harvest

began in November, the authori-

put as compared with the previous year when the crop totalled 7,992,000 tons. This was the second best in history,
But in addition to the disease
there had been a substantial
drop in voluntary work in the
sugar cane fields, according to
Gramma. The absence of this
extra manpower has been calculated as equivalent to 112,436 days lost, in other words a "cutting loss" of 247,000 tons as of December 31, 1979. The season usually ends in May or line

Earlier Granma had said manual cutting "has not pro-ceeded as hoped for". It said

lune.

had succeeded in cutting one million arrobas (13,000 tons) by mid-January, against 18 million in the same period last year. The "negligence" of the cutters was used to explain the waste" due to the inefficient application of cutting methods.

Gramma considered the poor
results were due as much 10 human factors as to material problems such as the absence

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El Salvador demonstration

San Salvador, Jan 22.—Three people were killed and about 50 injured when shooting broke out here during a left-wing demonstration involving about 100,000 protesters today. Armed police broke up the demonstration, believed to have been the country's largest, after snipers opened fire and pro-testers panicked.

The demonstration was organ-

ized by the main left-wing opposition groups against the new military Government.—Agence France Presse. Change promised : El Salvador's Government has promised urgent economic and social changes in an attempt to forestall armed confrontation between the forces of left and

right.

But left and right have already declared their opposition to the Government, while a struggle is taking place within the armed forces to determine the pace and extent of the prochanges The Government's programme

private banks, the takeover by the expropriation of large farms to provide land.

In response, organizations in the private sector have begun a propaganda campaign, claiming that the country is about to fall into communist hands. New conservative political expressions. conservative political organizations have appeared over

night, while many right-wing militants are said to be buying weapons abroad in preparation for an armed conflict. Long-squabbling lefrist groups, on the other hand, have begun moving toward unity. In many urban slum areas, crash training programmes in the use of firearms have been started. Leftist groups have also sought to broaden their political base by appealing for the support of progressive sectors of the church, the Army and the private sector.—New York Times News Service.

Workers' riot engulfs Turkish city

22.—Leftist Istanbul, Jan workers fought gun battles with police in the southern city of Izmir today, and in the ensuing riots at least 54 people were wounded and 525 arrested, police said.

In Istanbul, left-wing terrorists set fire to nine banks; seriously damaging seven, but police said no injuries were

police said no injuries were reported.

The fighting in Izmir, Turkey's second largest port and the only large city not yet under marrial law, started when police attempted to search an olive oil factory believed to hold an arms cache for the lefriers.

The workers resisted and a two-hour gun battle followed during which 13 policemen and 15 workers were shot, authorities said. Police arrested 275

people.

That violence in turn sparked a riot in a nearby cotton thread factory. Workers, built barricades inside and around the factory and fired revolvers and pelted charging riot police In support of the workers, a group of armed leftist militants closed the road between Izmir and Cigli airport, halting all traffic. Reinforced military and civilian police rushed to the scene but were met with heavy he believed she would be regulifire from the leftists.—UPL leased very soon although he

British nurse 'exhilarated' by news of freedom

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok, Jan 22
A British Embassy official
said here today that Miss Rita
Nightingale, the British nurse,
was exhibitated by the news
that she would be released from prison after serving two years and 10 mouths of a 20-year sentence for attempted heroin trafficking.

The official who visited Miss

Nightingale today said it might be two weeks before she was released. She would then re-turn to England. King Bhumibol of Thailand yesterday signed his approval of a petition for clemency submit-ted on behalf of Miss Nightingale, aged 25, of Blackburn, Lancashire.

A well-informed legal authority said the most prob-able explanation of the granting of clemency was a feeling among the Thai authorities that the sentence of 20 years was Since her conviction, how-ever, Thailand has introduced even more severe penalties for

drug offences. Anyone in pos-

session of 100 or more grams of heroin is now liable to be exe-cuted or imprisoned for life. Mr Albert Lyman, Miss

Nightingale's lawyer, said today he believed she would be re-

had not been officially informed about it.

Mr Lyman who submitted the plea for clemency last March said that 800 or 900 similar pleas on behalf of convicted people were now under con-sideration in Thailand. He had not known of a previous in-stance of clemency being granted to a person convicted of a narcotics offence.

He said the elemency did not he said the clemency did not expunge the conviction which still stood.

From the moment of her arrest in March 1977 Miss Nightingale has protested her innocence. She rejected efforts to persuade her to plead guilty which probably would have halved her sentence.

halved her sentence. She was arrested at Bang-kok's international airport just before boarding a flight to Paris, with 7½lb of heroin con-cealed in the false bottoms of her baggage and in a portable She claimed the heroin had

been planted on her by her Hongkong boy friend and his Miss Nightingale has spent most of her time in Bangkok's women's prison working in the bakery with other foreign women, including a Germanborn woman serving a life term for heroin trafficking.

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of spare parts. Meanwhile a sugar plant has

been totally at a standstill at Camaguey, 200 miles east of Havana, since Friday because of an equipment breakdown. The plant is responsible for 8 persocert of the province's sugar our control for Avance Province's sugar our control for the province of the provi ties had said the disease would that seven brigades of cutters put Agence France Presse.

Property

A house within a house

Extra self-contained accommodation which is part of or near the main house is a useful feature often sought by buyers with particular problems. The most obvious of these is the housing of an aged relative, who can lead there is about one acre of a separate life, but is close enough for any care and attention needed.

Another use is as guest accommodation when the Lymington.

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way to relieve any strain

is Hill House, at Crowhurst,
is Hill House, at Crowhurst, ger stays. One advantage is dates from the eighteenth that, when not in use, such century with a particularly extra space can be shut off attractive front. Construction

completely from the main bouse, with consequent savings in hearing and cleaning. One good example, although here the extra accommodation is almost a: second house, is provided by property called Four Winds, at Hatchett Gate, near Beaulieu, Hampshire. In the main part of the house there: are two reception rooms, a study, three bedrooms and two bathrooms, one of which is en suite.

The annexe on the ground floor at the back of the house includes a sitting room, three bedrooms, a store room or fourth bedroom and its own bathroom. The house has fine views across the New Forest and The property is for sale at £97,500 and the agents are Jackson and Jackson, of

both on guests and losts near Battle East Sussex. The which may arise during lon- greater part of the house greater part of the house



garden with outbuildings. Four Winds, in the New Forest, for sale at £97,500.

with a tiled root.

Main accommodation includes a reception and dining hall, two other sitting rooms,

is of brick, part tile hung, a reception room, two bedrooms and its own bathroom and kitchenette. The grounds run to about 14 acres and include three

with planning consent for Northumberland. The house the main house. The agents are Savills, of London.

The same agents through their office in Beccles, Suffolk, are dealing with a property called Valley Farm-house, at Huntingfield, near Halesworth. It is thought to date from the seventeenth century with later additions, and is partly of timberasked framed construction. The property needs some

improvement, but there is ample space for the provision of a self-contained flat or wing apart from the main part of the house. Present line planning permission for accommodation includes four extension. Present accommeception rooms, two kit modation includes a dining reception rooms, two kit-chens, utility and sun rooms, and eight bedrooms. About two acres are included, with and two bedrooms. The two a small paddock and out-acres of grounds bordered buildings. The price is on one side by a stream are

conversion to a two- was built in the 1850s and bedroomed cottage and about extended in 1903 and has a floor, and a further three bedrooms on the second floor. The separate accommodation here is provided by a lodge in the grounds, which has a living room and two bedrooms. There are about nine acres of gardens and woodland and offers of about £175,000 are being

through

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Scope for extension is provided by a property called Streamside, at Ash, Surrey. It is a single-storey building which is being sold with outhall, sitting room, combined kitchen and breakfast room

asked through Messenger May Baverstock, of Farnham. Architecturally interesting three-quarters of an acre of large reception ball, five is Knights Templar House, land. This is expected to sitting rooms, with five bed- in High Street, Kelvedon. land. This is expected to sitting rooms, with five bedin High Street, Kelvedon, realize £25,000 to £30,000, rooms, three bathrooms and Essex, believed to date but would not be sold before a sauna room on the first originally from the late fif-

teenth century, although with changes over the years. It is a timber-framed lath and plaster building with a clay-tiled roof, and features include a fine inglenook fireplace, sixteenth century carved beams, painted panelling from the seventeenth century and various eighteenth century items.

There is a reception hall, a large kitchen, three main reception rooms, including one on the first floor, a main bedroom and bathroom suite, two further bedrooms and a second bathroom. The garden behind the house is fully enclosed and there is space for a garage. The price is £70,000 and the agents are Abbotts, of Colchester.

Further down the price scale, the same agents are a library and a garden room, paddocks. Offers over plus six bedrooms and four £100,000 are being asked. Even more accommodation bathrooms. In addition, there is a self-contained flat with a studio and garage block in the village of Stocksfield, region of £60,000 are being miles from Framlingham. dealing with a pleasant little Suffolk cottage, called Clover Lea, in Badingham, some five

Construction is mainly of brick, part pebble-dashed with a white finish, and a pantiled roof. There are two good-sized reception rooms, a large breakfast room, a conservatory and three bedrooms. The garden has fruit trees and flowering shrubs, and the price is £32,000.

Another good little cottage is Lavender Cottage, at Earlswood Common, near Redhill, Surrey. The property is on the edge of the common. It was once a coachman's cottage and has a stable block now used for garaging and storage.

The building, constructed of local brick, part weatherboarded under a tile roof, is. thought to be about 200 years old. There are two reception rooms, each with a large fireplace, three bedrooms and a dressing room. The main bedroom has a balcony overlooking the common. The garden extends to about one-third of an acre and has a number of fruit trees. The price is about £70,000 through Knight Frank and Rutley,

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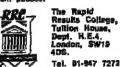
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a minute from time.

As in the past, Liverpool did enough to be satisfied with their performance but could not overcome the mysterious barrier that prevents them from claiming their reward against this particular team. While Forest indisputably worked themselves into the mud, Liverpool did all that was required to, at least, reap a draw that would have given them the stivantage at Anfield in the second leg. The penalty, given when Clemence collided with Birtles, left them justifiably astonished at leg. The penalty, given when Gemence collided with Birtles, left them justifiably astonished at own misfortune.

To fulfil expectations this had to be a fine match and from the beginning it was. In nine recent meetings Liverpool had felt that their football deserved more than one victory and certainly more goals. They dramatically attacked the ghost that haunted them. In the first five minutes Souness brought Shilton into early agile action and hic a post. The Forest defence, in which Burns could not gain a place despite his availgain a place despite his avail-ability after suspension, found Sounces and Daiglish powering into their penalty area at disturbing

Forest, now almost fully re-etored to better health, coped with this tirade of attacking football and gathered themselves for their and gathered themselves for hear own reply. It greatly annoyed home supporters that Liverpool should react to the pressure, when it came, with a defensive posses-sional game that frustrated imagination. But the onus was on forest to outwit them, or outpace them when an interception was possible. But Liverpool had learnt a few lessons on this ground and

Swindon 2 Wolves 1
Wolverhampton Wanderers may have paid fl.5m for Gray, their Scottish centre forward, but Swindon Town bave a pair of strikers that are worth their weight in gold—and at today's prices that is value indeed. Mayes and Rowland, as deadly as scorpions, had struck 42 times this season. Last night, in the first leg of the semi-final round of the League Cup, they added two more to give Swindon a glimmering hope of reviving memories of the final of 1969.

Wolves must have envied their

mai of 1969.
Wolves must have envied their finishing. Had they been as sharp in the penalty area, they could have decided the issue by now. Yet, they showed enough promise to be confident of schieving the nacessary result at Molineux, especially as Hughes is likely to be back to lend assurance to the defence.

After an opening as frenetic as

pected, Swindon were the first pected, Swindon were the first to score. The two early excursions, homes had caused anxiety with high centre at one end and offer had caused problems with

Robin Cousins, the British staring champton, produced the best compulsory figures of his life here today to throw down a strong challenge for the European title. According to total

Cousins gets figures right

and should go top of class

Wolves 1

Swindon 2



Francis, given his favoured for ward position because of the absence of Bowles and George, who were cup-tied, was a constant threatening arrow that Hansen and Thompson did well to re-strain, if at times with vigorous

After Shilton had again saved superbly on the ground from McDermott, Forest attacked in rushed the Liverpool defence. Birtles could not quite reach the ball after Francis had broken away and centred. And later, Birtles was unfortunate to hit the body of a defender from not more

than two yards, yet it was still Liverpool who formed clearer, less scrambled opportunities. Specifically, McDermott finished a near-constructive move begun by Case and Johnson with a drive that Shilton managed to parry as he dived to cover the target. dived to cover the target.

On a pitch that became heavier, the visualty of the game was quite remarkable. The Liverpool midfield managed to deprive the Forest forwards of much possesson but not fully despite enormous work and often it was left to Thompson to do the saving work. Yet the play continued to be divided almost equally.

Shilton's looming bulk rescued Forest when Dalglish thumped a shot at him from close range. Desdlock approached but chances were still offered. Francis made space in confined areas of the penalty box and filcked a shot wide of a post.

Of the many outstanding contri-busions to a cachelety fascinating tie, perhaps the defensive employ-ment of Case as a warching over Robentson, was the most effective. The winger's fines of communica-tion were dipped. This reduced Forest's options and teolased Birt-les and Francis who had to rely more heavily on passes from cen-tral middield. The irony was that the game was finally won by Robertson in the last seconds when a pass from O'Neal into the penalty area was intended for Birdes. Clemente moved to stifle the danger but was then adjudged by the referet to have brought down Birdes. Sourness arguent and had his name taken but Robenson stood calmly by before lodging the penalty in the Livernoof net.

So the spell was not broken and Liverpool's frustration was seen in Daistish's face as the players left the field. The high feelings wetre a hint that Forest had won the upper hand before Saturday's reunion in the FA Cup on this same plack.

NOTTINGHAM

Russian

By Clive White

Arsenal would consider withdrawing from the European Cup
Winners Cup if they-were to draw
Dinamo, of Moscow, in the semifinal round. Denis Hill-Wood, the
Arsenal chairman, said yesterday
that if they were to beat Gothenburg and then be paired with the
Russians he would be loathe to
complete the fixture and would
seek guidance from the Foreign
Office.

Office.

"When I heard the draw for the quarter-finals I was very happy we hadn't drawn Dinamo. I would have been very disturbed in my own mind about associating with the Russians in the present political climate. People tell me that when you enter a competition you are duty bound to gotthough with it. But in cases like this, sport and politics are inseparable." Mr Hill-Wood said that Arsenal had not discussed the matter at board level as, at the moment, it was purely hypothetical. But it was felt that other directors of the club might be in agreement.

If Arsenal were to withdraw from such a fixture they would almost certainly incur a heavy fine from UEFA. Nances, the French club who play Dinamo in the quarter-final legs, have expressed no desire to withdraw from the tie. Arsenal bave played the Moscow club before. There were two celebrated ties against them in 1954, both of witch Arsenal loss, by 2-1 at Highbury and 5-0 in Moscow. Arsenal also 'played Dinamo, of Kiev, just after the

Last night's results League Cup Semi-final rou

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University v Army (Motspur Park,
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North v East (Harrogate, 2.0).

ately we have no match on Saturday but it is still a worrying atmation because it could spread to other players," the player-manager, Graham Turner, said.

Martin Murray, aged 21, Everton's reserve middled player, is to leave senior football because of a heart condition. Y UNION: Repres Cambridge University Oxford University v Hospitals Cup; SI Ti RUGEY LEAGUE: First division: Sal-

Swindon marksmen leave Wolves licking their wounds amid a deafening western rour. Linesman hit: a Buesman was

struck by a coin during the match, but the Portsmouth referee. Alan Robinson, would not comment on the incident.

Two more Shrewsbury Town players were sent home with chicken pox yesterday only 24 hours after a midfield player, lan Atkhas, reported back for training after missing two matches because of the filness.

The latest casualties are Steve Cross, who deputised during Atkins's absence, and am appren-tice, Bernard McNally. "Fortun-

a low cross at the other. Kamara, in a tight corner by the touchline, wriggled his way out and found himself at the by-line. A leisurely cross floated over the waiting group to the far post and there was Rowland to head home his 21st goal. Within three frantic minutes Berry and Palmer headed off the line and Wolves might have been facing a mountainous climb to Wembley.

As it was they came back. Within 10 minutes they scored once through Hibbitt, which was disallowed for hands, and again through Daniel from Thomas's free kick. The relief was clear. Even those on the bench emerged to dance with joy on the pitch. Without the injured Hughes, their defence had shuddered under the early strain and McAlle, Hughes's deputy, was booked for a foul on Miller. Swindon pressed forward after

Swindon pressed forward after the interval, looking for insurance that would ease their return visit in three weeks. Although they disposed of two other first division sides. Stoke City and Arsenal, during their campaign, they drew away on both occasions before winning the replay at home.

would leave themselves exposed at the back. Once Richards, with a polished turn, broke free but shot straight at Allan. Then Thomas, following a familiar furrow down the left, chipped over a cross that eluded all but Hibbitt, back in the side after inspending and bit drive side after suspension, and his drive almost splintered the right hand post. Stil Swindon looked in the

Stil Swindon looked in the only direction they know-forward. McHale, the architect behind the performances against Arsenal, urged them on with Kamara his partner in midfield. Yet it was in that nextitory that Wolves began to gain in purpose. Hibbit, with a long, sweeping pass gave Richards the clearest of chances but again he could find only Allan's arm.

At the giant watch at the far end showed Swindon how little time they had, desperation crept into their style. Corners were forced, from one of which Cart kicked a header off the line, but Wolves were content to hang on. They paid the penalty, fnough, McHale, always in the middle

Magri chops down martial arts expert in the third

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent Charile Megri, who is rated No I contender for the world flyweight title, and has got there by the curious expedient, in real terms, of marking time more than marching in his 17 professional bouts, and marking the more marking full than the content of the conte thow needs a more meaningful opponent. For last night, at the Albert Hall, he met a Filipino, Aniceto Vargas, who was no opposition at all. Magri knocked him out in Imin 25sec of the third round.

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There was little difference in this Magri performance from the other 16. The little man from Stepney started in a somewhat subdued manner wondering if the 3ib lighter Vargas would ever come within range of its two-banded attacks and for a while the tear-away style was missing. Vargas got away lightly in the first two rounds even though he caught Magri several times. Encouraged by this Vargas boxed Magri from a distance. But in the middle of the second round Magri was not going to put up with any more of his taps and a right chopped him down. Vargas, who is a martial arts expert, rolled over on the ground, and grabbed hold of Magri's legs. On resuming boxing he was again caught several times by Magri in a corner, and it was only through continuous ducking, and weaving and rolling that the Filipino saw that round out.

It was clear now that the bout

out.

It was clear now that the bout was going to end shortly, and in the third round Magri charged into him and hit him all over the into him and hit him all over the ring. Vargas, caught by a left hook, went down, and as the counting began by the referee, Mr Harry Gibbs, he tried to trip Magri up with his right leg. Mr Gibbs could not restrain a smile, and told the Fillipino that he must use his fists, not his legs. Shortly after this, another left and a right, which is the trade mark of Magri, knocked Vargas onto the

12th round
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Snooker · Reardon hopes to regain

Ray Reardon, the only man who has reached three finals of the Masters snooker tournament, spousored by Berson and Hedges. sponsored by Berson and Hedges, is the favourite for the 1980 event at the Wembley Conference Centre Reardon has never been besten before the semi-final stage in the five previous Masters tournaments. Despite missing recent tournaments, he is confident of winning back the Masters trophy he took in 1976.

As if the farce of the Magnicottest was not enough, there was chaos in the second round of the heavyweight bout between Joe. Awome and Manny Gabriel when both the big men knocked each other out of the ring at the same time after taking a walloping from each other and staggering round the ring, on wobbly legs. The bout was stopped in the next round in Awome's favour when Gabriel had not recovered sufficiently from his exertions outside the ring.

As if the farce of the Magni

Sävester Mittee cleared his first hurdle to the British light-weiterweight title when he beat Colin Powers, the former European champion, in 2min 20sec of the seventh round. Mittee quickly mastered Powers in the first round after a two-handed attack had Powers down on the floor. After this Powers was never quite able to come back into the conable to come back into the Bleeding freely from the nos

he boxed on gamely for the next six rounds but the bright young man from Terry Lawless's stable moved father and farther ahead.

The postponed European middleweight championship contest
between Kevin Finnegan and
Gratien Tomm of France, both
former bolders of the championship will now an oral Paris former holders of the championship, will now go on in Paris on
February 7. The contest was put
off from its January date when
Finnegan damaged a shoulder
muscle in training and was ordered
to rest for 10 days. He resumed
full training at the weekend and
has accepted the new date.

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10 rounds; Tony Sibson (Leitener)
best James Walre (Los Angeles), pis:
Hencyweight; Andy Palmer (Liverpool) knocked our Ron McLean (Shepherds Bush) second round.

Compromise allows Mrs Gilks into England party

Gillian Gilks has buried her differences with the Badminton Association, and has been added to England's party for the European and world championships in April and May.

Mrs Gilks, England's number onc. was omitted from the two events before Christmas. John Havers, the chairman of selectors, said 'she had been "uncooperative" over arrangements for the championships.

Mrs Gilks, it was said, was

Rugby Union

Rugby Correspondent

Biggar to captain Scottish side which contains five new caps

Scotland, who have gone without a victory in their last dozen
internationals, have chosen five
new caps for their first championship match, against Ireland in
Dublin; on Sanirday week. Mike
Biggar, the London Scottish
flanker who led his country on
their tour of the Far East three
summers ago, will now captain
them for the first time in a major
counert. them for the first time in a major connext.

Biggar takes over the reins from Ian McLauchlan, who has lost his position at loose head prop to one of the new caps, Jim Burnett, of Heriot's FP. For the "Mighty Mouse", who has won 43 caps and played in eight internationals for the British Lions, it looks to spell the end of a famous coad. spell the end of a famous road.

The remaining new caps are Roy Laidlaw, the Jedforest captain and scrum half; Munro, the Avr wing three quarter; Cuthbertson, the Kilmarnock lock; and Beattie, the Glasgow Academicals lock, who will play at number eight. Respectively, they replace Lawson, Robertson, Tomes (who is currently under suspension) and Dickson. A sixth change, as compared with the side that lost 20-6 spell the end of a famous road. pared with the side that lost 20-6 to New Zealand in November, to that of Brewster (Stewart's Melville FP) for Lambie on a flank.
Scotland have capped Brewster odce before, when they lost 25-6 to England at Twickenham in 1977. They will hope that this hard young farmer, a woraclous tackler, will invest their loose forward play with some extra pace, and that Beattle, who is only 22, will some them wore line out presented. flank.

give them more line-out presence at the back. Beattle is an impres-sive jumper, who had a splendid game for Glasgow against the All Blacks.

Outsidertzon (6ft 4in, 16st 3lb) is in the mould of Mick Molloy, a hard-grasping type of lock forward, who comes—as did the disward, who comes—as did me use singuished Brown fraternity, Peter and Gordon—from Marr College, Troon, Burnett, seen for some while as the heir-apparent to McLauchlan, wins his spurs at the age of 32.

Four changes up front—one of them, of course, enforced—indicates how keenly the selectors have wielded their axe, and they leave Biggar, row due for his 21st cap, by a long, long way the most experienced of the forwards.



Laidlaw : stepping on to the stage at last.

his Border partnership with John
Rutherford, can have done his
chances no harm. In physique and
style he is similar no Colin Pattersud, of Ireland, so he should go
aspecially well at close quarters.
But his service has improved in
speed and accuracy, and he should
be capable of teleasing the undoubted potential of a back division which will have Irvice acquiring a 34th cap and Renwick
a 32ud in midfield.

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Laddaw ir was thought that Hay's place. on the wing might be in greater jeopardy than that of Robertson, but in the event it is Robertson, but in the event it is Robertson who is deposed. Mouro, who will play on the rigid, outside the talented Johnston, is a big lad

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Sargent is unable to regain his stripes

Gordon Sargent, England's replacement prop forward and first choice for his county, Gloucestersione, still finds himself out of the Gloucester club side to meet Richmond at the Athletic ground on Sunday in the first round of the John Player Cup.

McNab, and leading points acover, who has against the Metropolitan Folicy on November 24, has his first game after serving an eight-week suspension.

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Laidlaw, 13 times a reserve, has waited patiently in the wings and

of his side since October by the promising young prop, Preedy, who is in his first season with Gloucester. Gloucester.
Gloucester also omit two internationals, the former Scotland wing Dick and Kingston, last season's England scrum half, who cannot displace Steve Baker.
Butler requires only four points to take his career tally to 3,200, which is 451 short of the world record. Last year Richmond drew 3—3 at Kingsbolm, going through as the away side.

They will have the England

They will have the England centra, Preston, back in place of Ray. The game is on Sunday because London Scotrish; co-tenants with Richmond at the Athletic ground, also have a home cup match on Saturday.

The Scottish meet the Gloucestershire jumor club, Matson, without their leading try-scorer,

Leitesser, the cup holders, field a full-strength-side for the first time stace Christmes when they open the defence of their title against Orrell. Three England players return—the hooker Wheeler, full back Hare and the new Can centre Woodward new cap, centre, Woodward, Leicester bave a doubt on the

right wing. Burwell stands by in case Duggan's Achilles tendon strain does not improve. London Irish, taking no chances against Maidstone, field a full strength side for their cup match at Sunbury. The captain O'Driscoll, and centre McKabhin, both playing for Ireland last week, return against the Kent club who gave the Irish a scare before going out in the first round of the coo four

ampton a formight ago for the cup visit to Wigton. The prop Astley, is not available, and hi-place will be taken by Allen. Away from the cup, Eric Bignel gets his first game for over a yes for Blackbeath, at home to the Royal Navy. Bignell, who playe in an England trial, has been on of first class rugby since damaging his back in November, 1978. He takes over in the back row from Wilden and Norton, a replacemen last week against London Scottish comes into the centre for Hanman Mallett leads Oxford : Nichola Mallett has been elected captain of Oxford University. He succeeds Peter Enevoldson who let the university to victory in the Varsity match last month: The net secretary is David Woodrot (Queen Elizabeth GS. Wakefiel and Regem's Park) who has wot two Blues. Mallett (University of Cape Town and University) was born in England, but was takel to South Africa when he was simonths old.

Bristol find it far from plain sailing

By Alen Gibson
Bristol 24 Royal Navy 16
A week or two ago, the Navy lost to Bath, though they looked a useful side, and led for most of the game. Much the same tring happened last uight, against a Bristol team nearly at full strength. They yielded only in the last 10 minutes. It is the best Navy side I have seen for many years, and my memory goes back to the time when Maicolm Thomas and Lewis Jones were playing in the centre. Thomas and Lewis Jones were playing in the centre.

If was a wet and chilty evening, but mercifully there was no snow. There was an entertaining pre-timinary in the chebhouse, when nobody could light the sas fire. The instructions on the lid were realously read and several social committee members bravely tried their hand, but it seemed a question of whether we should die of suffocation or explosion, before the steward arrived, explaining that the instructions were mislead. that the instructions were mislead-ing, but perfectly simple once you understood that anti-clockwise meant crockwise.

The Navy took the lead in five

Swimming

selected

Miss Jameson

The interdational swimmer, Helen Jameson, from Lancashire, hopes to have recovered fully from influenza in time to compete for England in the world swimming

England in the world'swimming competition, sponsored by Speedo, in Amersfoort, Netherlands, on February 1 to 3.

FARTY: Mon J. Bott (Millifeld School, Mon Glark (Killerwinder, Havering), D. Dunne, C. Deddrey, Beckennam, Women; S. Paster, H. Jamoson (Kelly College), M. Relly (Beckenham), K. Lovatt (Leeds).

minutes, with a penalty goal by Leigh. A foolish offiside by Howell had given the chance; but the vigorous opening Navy assault had deserved the points, Bristol, looking slightly ashamed of themselves, had at once made a good rush which ended in a try by Rafter. They then relaxed, not a wise thing to do against the Navy, as many could tell you, since the Barbary priates thought they had Blake in the can, and the Danes Nelson.

Dung, a formidable back row

Nelson.

Dunn, a formidable back row forward, always lurking where the ball is likely to be, scored a try. Bristol responded with several three-quarter movements and a final forward rush which led to a try by their booker, Bogira. But the Navy were still full of fire, and ahead again, 10—8, at half-time, when Leigh kicked a penalty goal.

After a quarter of an hour of the second half, a penalty by Sorrell took Bristol once more a point ahead. Bristol were still playing more as if it was an exercise ran a battle, and only an unlucky bounce deprived the Navy

of another try, after an intro-ception. The Bristol forwards however, began to win more or more of the ball, which provides another try, by Howell, when the defence had been drawn into a main near the line. Sorrell converted and dropped a goal, then came a try by Newman, after a very skilful run cuttion inside from the right. In the mean-time, the Navy had kept their noses close to the guns, with a try by Connolly, which was con-

For the record ice skating ROTTERDAM: Six-day, race (affe) invedays): I. R. Pjinen and J. Revi (Nethersends). 275 pis: 2. D. Clari and D. Altan (Australia: 194.). P. Sertu (Seigium): and A. Fritz (W. Germany). 172: 4. G. Knetemany Tennis CHIERS
CHICAGO: Women's singles: C.
Lloyd best B. Stuart. 5—2. 6—3;
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Latest European snow reports.... esa 110 140 High winds, lifts closed Varied Fair Snow Isola 2,000
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Poor visibility, good snow In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

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snows, his competition has known up one of those situations, peculiar to skating in my experience, whereby Hoffman technically lies second in spite of the fact that Cousins is placed first by four of the nine judges (compared with Kovalyov's majority of five) and Hoffman by none. pean title. According to total marks he lies second to the world champion, Viadimir Kovalyov (Soviet Union). According to judges' placings he lies third to Kovalyov and the holder, Jan Hoffmann (East Germany). According to pretty well everybody he is now the tavourite for the title, in view of his supremacy is free skaring. The East German is second on a countrack to second places (or better), but the truth is that there is so little to choose between the is so little to choose between the three that only a tenth of a mark for either technical merit or arristic impression in Thursday night's free akating could make all the difference. It is to Cousin's advantage that in both the free and tomorrow's short programme he would expect to conscore the whole of the rest of the field. We can reasonably hope to see him in the lead by tomorrow evening, whatever method is used for arriving at intermediate positions.

Christopher Howard, the the title, in view of his supremacy is free skaring.

The measure of Cousins's improvement over last year is that at the corresponding stage then he was only sixth. On that occasion he finally overhanded three of those placed above him. On that occasion, too, he was 3.68 total marks (adjusted) behind Hoffmann, and 3.32 behind Hoffmann, and 3.32 behind Kovalyov: now he is only 0.56 marks behind Kovalyov and is actually ahead of Hoffmann by 0.04.

Christopher Howards, the second British entry, is fifteenth, an advance of three places over last year. Cousins was almost ecstatic after his third figure, the loop, and before long a telephone call to Bristol reduced his mother to fears of happiness. But for the bizzard outside he would have been on cloud 10, so great was his exhibitation. "Usually" he Irina Rodnina, aged 30, mother of one, mistress of 12 world and Olympic championships, returned blessard outside he would have been on cloud 10. so great was his exhibitation. "Usually" he said, "I don't like the loops, but I just loved that one. I'd like to go out and do it all over again". He attributes his advance in this, his weakest section of the competition to his growing experience. He has been able to trace excellent figures in practice but never, until today, has he been able to string three good ones together in competition. Sometimes he has had trouble stringing one good one together. Was he nervous? Not a bit of it, he said. "I had a lot of adrenalin flowing today from the moment I woke up". Would he be nervous at tomorrow's short programme? Just let him ger at it. Some Russian observers he said, had clearly been stunned by the marks he was getting. They must have been shocked, too, when Kovalyov almost fell on his final figure. teo the arena after a year with child to reclaim her place at the head of affairs in the pairs with

head of affairs in the pairs with her husband, Alexander Zaitsev. It is too early to judge, but some little somehing seemed missing in their short programme. They achieved all the required elements, of course, but where was the al-most statutory 6.0 of old embedded somewhere in the marks? In fact there was one of 5.7, 12 of 5.8 and five of 5.9. Tomorrow's free skar-ing should tell us whether or not the magic has gone for good. the magic has gone for good. At the other end of the age-scale, Susan Garand and Robert Daw, the British champions, made their first appearance. Their marks were British champions, made their first appearance. Their marks were modest in this exalted company, bute at 13 and 15, respectively, theirs was not so much a competitive attempt, more a voyage of discovery. They did well, in spite of Daw collapsing on his sitspin at the very end.

How the men's judges voted

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Bobsleigh Colleges festival The United Kingdom and Ire-land Universities and Colleges seven-a-side rugby festival at the London Irish ground, Sunbury-on-Thames on April 6 and 7 is to 1-13.64: be sponsored by Grand Metropoli-tan Rotels.

Bowls

England right on line for **Leonard Trophy**

Melbourne, Jan 22.—England scored three victories in both the pairs and triples at the world bowls championships here today to boost their chances of winning the Leonard Trophy. They are tied in first place with Australia on 37 points. The trophy goes to the country with the best overall score.

score.

Scotland are third on 35, Ireland eighth on 24, followed by Wales on 21.

England's comfortable wins over Israel, Kenya and Japan kept them clear of Scotland in the triples table. They have 25 points to Scotland's 25. Australia, who were one of Scotland's three victims today, dropped back to equal third with New Zealand on 19. The Scots also came close to spoiling Australia's unbeaten record in the pairs; holding them to an 18—18 draw in the 14th series of matches tonight.

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Australia lead the pairs with 27 points, three ahead of Canada whose best win today came against New Zealand. Phil Skoglund and Kevin Darling were beaten 20—18 by the Canadians, Burnie Gill and Graham Jarvis, and the New Zealanders are now third in the standings with 21 points. England's John Bell and Mal Hughes scored wins over Israel, Kenya and Japan to jump from sixth to fourth place.

The Australian pairs team of Alf Sandercock and Peter Rheuben lad an easy 29—7 win over Zambia this morning but struck competition form from the Welsh pair of Lyn Perkins and Spencer Wiltshire in the afternoon.

Sandercock and Rheuben went into a 15—7 lead after 12 ends and the unbeaten Australians looked to have the game in the bag. Wales picked up seven shots in the next two ends to trail 14—15 before Australia went ahead to a 19—16 lead with two ends to go. A single put Wales two shots behind going into the last end

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Masters trophy

in 1976.
Reardon's first opponent in the Masters will be Dennis Taylor.
Reardon could meet the world champion Terry Griffitis, the second favourite, in the final.
Among the other leading players are, John Spencer, Eddie Charlton, Alex Higgins, John Virgo, Perrie Mans (the defending champion), Cliff Thorburn and Fred Davis.

Badminton

Mrs Gilks, it was said, was rejuctant to confirm her availability for the European event in Groungen from April 13-20 and also insisted on travelling to Jakarta for the world champion-ships from May 26-31 ahead of the rest of the team to allow more

A badminton official confirmed yesterday that arrangements are now being made for Mrs Gilks to travel to the world championships with the rest of the England tram. It appears there has been some compromise on both sides which now allows Mrs Gilks to be included for both events.

The Radminton Association. The Badmioton Association, meanwhile, have named two new caps for their international against Scotland at Larkhall tomorrow. They are Kathy Redhead of Iney are kathy Redhead of Lancashire, who partners Karen Chapman in the women's doubles, and the Kent player, Nick Yates. TEAM: Men's singles, A. Good and N. Yates: women's singles, K. Bridge, men's doubles, R. Stevens and M. Tredgart. D. Talbot and K. Jolly: women's doubles, k. Redhead and K. Chapman; nilzod doubles, Talbot and Miss Bridge.

Motor rallying

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stage

W Germans

Monte Carlo, Jan 22.—Walter Rohrl and Christian Geistdorfer of West Germany, driving a Flat 131 Abarth, were still firmly at the head of the Monte Carlo rally

today as competitors approached the halfway stage of the 1500 kilo-

at halfway

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West Indies were convincing winners of the Benson and Hedges world series competition here miday. Needing 209 to bear England, on a good batting pitch, they made them with almost contemptuous ease. When Greenidge hit the winning runs, West Indies had eight wickets in hand and 15 halls to spare. These one-day games have been worth £18,000 in prize money to the West Indians. In Melbourne on Sunday, England, Thought, should have won, so did they. Today, however, there was no doubt as to the bester side. England, this time, had no cause for reproach. At 113, for two, with Boycott and Gower playing beautifully and 21 doyens still no go. England must be an ever have played.

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For three or four overs he will when Gower was caught at the willers, and been scoring at will when Gower was caught at the willing down to third man. Although Bottonis promised briefly to play the innings he is owing, it eluded him. Boycott was caught on the square-leg boundary, hooking Roserts, and England's final notal was been seven months, therefore

West Indies have established them-selves as the best one-day side in England and now in Australia, as they no doubt would be in the Carribpean also when every-thing favours the batsmen, as it did today, Pakistan might be the likeliest side to best them. Richards made runs this evening, thus sparing them any anxiety. thus sparing them any anxiety, and Greenidge, by adding an innings of 98 not our to his 80 in Melbourne, was made the man of the finals.

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On a warm and sunny afternoon Brearley chose to bat. Two magnificent stops in the covers by King held England back at the start, but Gooch, as he has done several times recently, was looking a player of the highest class when he was leg-before, trying to swing Garner to leg. The high-light of the England innings was the partnership of 64 in 12 overs between Boycott and Gower. Two boundaries by Gower off successive balls from King, one a pull and the other a drive over extra cover, were of the rarest vintage. The crowd, which built up to 20,840 after dinner, had one of their happlest moments of their season, poor things, when, having boosed Brearley all the way to the wicket, they saw him brilliantly run out by King, going for a second run to deep square leg. Perhaps if Brearley behaved as baddy as Ian Chappell and Lillee do, he would be England's most

popular captain for years. As it is, he accepts the brickhats and the insults, as he does England's defeats, with dignity.

Greenidge and Haynes set off as though to win the match before even the lights had time to take effect. Poor though Greenidge's record is against Australia, he continues to be a thorn in England's side. In five innings against them this winter his lowest scarce has been 42. At 51, in the fifteenth over, Haynes was legbefore to Botham.

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When Richards was 34, and the score 110 for one in the twenty-sixth over, he was dropped at deep extra cover by Witths off Emburey. West indies had also put a catch down, Boycott being dropped by Lloyd when he was 57. Of the two, Willis's was the more costly. For the second West Indian wicket, Richards and Greenidge added 119, with a loc of daring a lot of dash, fearsome power and no little luck.

And so, at 10 o'clock, the lights

Indies back in November and three against Australia make a fair tally, and their ground fielding this evening, especially that of Botham and Larkins, brought applause even from the Hill. West Indies, though, were in the mood to have made 250 had they needed them—once Richards had they needed them—once Richards had

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And so, at 10 o'clock, the lights were switched off for the last time this season. England have enjoyed the experiences of playing under them. They are wonderfully efficacious, though because of them the great ground at Sydney has lost much of its charm. It was only a pity that in their last one-day match here England did not run the opposition closer.

They had their moments under the lights. A victory over West

Boycott and Richards in the forefront of the West Indies' victory celebrations at Sydney yesterday. Behind Richards is

From John Woodcock .

Chappell's recalcitrance, the Australian selectors have chosen him

tralian selectors have chosen him again for the last two Test matches of the current Australian season—against West Indies starting in Adelaide on Saturday and England, starting in Melbourne on February 1.

Since refusing to play for Australia last Friday, in the last of their one-day internationals, on the pretext that he was unfit (he played in a Sheffield match at Perth the next day) Chappell has been involved in a controversial run out. In the last over yesterday, in this same match in Perth, Langer, a Western Australian betsman, left his crease to do some "gardening".

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To the dismay of most of Chap-pell's South Australian side (some of whom inquired later into the validity of the decision) the wicketkeeper, urged on by Chap-pell, removed the balls when the ball was lobbed to him and the

Sydney, Jan 22

Australians rely on the old brigade

authority.

umpire asked Chappell whether he really was appealing. When Chappell said he was, the umpire felt obliged to give the technically correct decision. Chappell, remember, is already on a sixweeks suspended suspension for one of his many brushes with authority.

This is a way of playing the game which is practised, sadly, by an increasing number of Australians. If Lillee and Ian Chappell have their way the time may come when it will become common practice. Should you think I am exaggerating the poster today heralding the appearance on the streets of one of Sydney's evening papers, said simply "Chappell Test Shock". The shock was not, as passers-by might have been expecting, that Ian Chappell had been dropped, but that the selectors yet agam had condoned his behaviour.

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under furious stack from two Flats.

The first of them, after the Burzet stage, was the 131 Abarth driven by the French crew's old rivals Bjorn Waldegaard and Hans Thorszelius, of Sweden. The 36-year-old Swedish driver Waldegaard, twice winner of the Monte Carlo rally (1969-1970) and runner-up to Darmiche last year, moved steadily up the standings throughout the day.

Waldegaard, who earlier in the competition had been feeling his way in the Flat—a different car from the Ford Escort and Merceles which brought him his world championship success last season—is determined to avenge his defeat by the diminutive Frenchman 12 months ago.

Last year, Darniche just beat the hig Scandinavian driver for victory by six seconds. His performance in the Flat today was magnificent, and his third overall place after Burzet, just half-a-minute behind Darmiche, was richty deserved.

Rabing Waldegaard in fourth a-minute behind Darniche, was richly deserved.

Behind Waldegaard in fourth place was Per Ecklund and Hans Sylvan, of Sweden, driving the little group two VW Golf GTI. The bearded Swedish driver delighted spectators Britist the special trial runs with a fabulous display of snow driving.

Jean Claude Andruet and Michele Espinos, of France, in a Flat Abarth 131, were in fifth place and being chased hard by another Swedish crew, Anders uilang and Bruno Berglund, in an Opel Ascona. Kullang, 36, several times Swedish champion, stormed back into the reckotting with a near scratch time of 28 mins and

27 secs at Burzet.

The all-Italian crew of Attilio Bettaga and Mario Mannaci in the Flat Ritmo-Strads, were at last were holding a commendable seventh place. They were followed by the all-Verent women's team of by the all-French women's team of Michele Mouton and Annie Arvii in a Fiat 131 Aborth.

A spirited effort by the Finnish driver. Hamu Mikkola and his Swedish crewman Arne Hertz in the Porsche, and Mikkola's compariot Ari Vatanen and David Richards of Britain in the Ford Escort, ended on the treacherous 38 kilometres trial through the Fayolle Pass.

Both crashed off the twisting road and although they and their co-drivers were unburt the cars were too bedly damaged to continue.

their one-day side and at almost every opportunity they have preferred older players to younger to ones, which has never been the Australian way of doing trings. The latest example of this is the recall of Ashley hislert in the leam for the last two tests at the lags of 34 and the inclusion of Max Walker in the provisional party for Pakistan (Rodney Hogg has with brawn through injury) ahead of one or two promising medium-based bowlers, the best of whom is reckoned to be Graeme Beard. Of the following 12 players, chosen for Adelaide and Melbourne, the two Chappells, Dymock, Lillee, Mallett, Marsh and McCosker are over thirty.

The was a sadder story for the lapanese Mismobish-Colt crew. Shinya Yamouchi crashed on the same stage and his co-driver Odaziri Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent Noriyuki to hospital at nearby Vaie-les-bains. No further details were immediately available but it was reported the Yamauchi escaped serious injury. Before the accident the Japanese crew had been slipping down the standings with suspented rear suspension problems. Overall, Standings with suspented rear suspension problems. Overall, Standings with suspension the first of the standings with suspension to the same stage and his co-driver Odaziri Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent Noriyuki to hospital at early interrupted the stage to excent Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent the Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent the Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers immediately interrupted the stage to excent the Noriyuki wes badly injured. Rally organizers imme Walker in the provisional party for Pakistan (Rodney Hogg has withferawn through injury) shead of one or two promising mediumbased bowlers, the best of whom is reckoned to be Graeme Beard of the following 12 physics, chosen for Adelaide and Melbourne, the two Chappells, Dymock, Lillee, Marth and McCosker are over thirty.

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Service brings a smile to the face of the disciplined Sadri

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From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Philadelphia, Jan 22
John Sadri, of North Carolina,
who was runner up to Guillermo
Vilas in the final of the Austra-Vilas in the final of the Australian championship three weeks ago, won 25 points with only 25 shots—services that did not come back—on the first day of the United States professional indoor championships. He won 7—6, 4—6, 6—3, against Balacz Taroczy of Hungary, who is two years older, far more experienced but less capable of the disciplined violence that tends to dominate the indoor game.

Later these same two players exchanged winning and losing roles in two doubles matches that had unexpected outcomes. Sadri

metre common rum.

The tall West German driver, Robrl, a former sid instructor, continued to set a blistering pace as drivers raced through fierce show storms in the rugged Ardeche region of France. And, as leading competitors tackled the famous 32 kilometre Burzet stage, he had opened up a lead of more than five and a half minutes.

Last vest's witners. Bernard exchanged, winning and losing roles in two doubles matches that bad unexpected outcomes. Sadri and Tim Wilkison, who also comes from North Carolina, are a young pair who have quickly established a formidable reputation. But they were beaten 4—6, 6—4, 7—5 in a fine match with an equalty young and lively partnership, John Kriek and Yannick Noah—an unusual racial blend in titat Kriek is South African and Noah, the product of a marriage between a French woman and an African football professional, who was brought up in Cameroon. Tarocxy and Terry Moor, from Teomessee, had a 7—6, 6—4 win over two Americans with good doubles records, Dick Stockton and Erik van Dillen.

The three handsome, strapping young Frenchmen here have been attracting a lot of azention from girls eager to know more about them. The French tennis players are an unusual commodity in Last year's winners, Bernard Damiche and Alain Mahe, of France, in a Lancia Stratos, were still clinging to their second place desolte the fact that Daroiche has influenza. But their low slung under furious attack from two

tively. The second of these matches was particularly interesting in its form and content. Scaulon, aged 23, is a Texan who turned professional in 1976, did extraordinarily well for a year or so, but could nor maintain his momentum. Instead of continuing to beat the celebrities he receded to a modest place in the chorus line. It seemed a typical case of success coming too easily too soon. But in readiness for 1980 Scanlon, as they say, got his act together. He realized that, in order to regain and consolidate his former prominence, he had to work harder and take a more responsible attitude to the game. On the evidence of his 5—7, 7—5, 7—5 win over Noah, the consequences could be exciting.

Scanlon said it was not until the middle of the third set, that he felt comfortable returning Noah's services: "He not only his it hard. He hits it wide—moves it around", he said. Noah came within two points of the match at 5—4, in the second set. But

due Scanlon's improving returns.
Scanlon was serving at 5—3 and
30—love and therefore might have But after only one day France's active interest in the tournament was restricted to Gilles Moreton, was restricted to cliles Moreton, who has yet to play a singles, and to the forthcoming Kriek-Noah doubles match with the best team in the world, Peter Fleming and John McEuroe. In yesterday's singles programme, Domitulque Bedell and Noah were beaten in turn by two Americans, Tom Gullikson and BRI Scanlon respectively.

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won more easily than he did. Bruce Manson, a tough little within two points of beating Raul Ramirez in straight sets. Ramirez hung on and, with that battle of wills over, had an easy ride in the third set to win 4-6, 7-6, 5-0. Still only 26, Ramirez had a distinguished record as a top-center until a year or so ago. Then the confidence gradually drained out of him and he is finding it difficult to reverse the process.

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Perhaps the most relemblessly forceful performance of the day came from Gene Mayer, who is always engaging to watch because of his strewd use of an untorthodox technique. He lost only two games to the rapidly improving Vincent van Patten, a gifted youngster who used to be an acror but decided his talents could be more profitably applied to tennis. This result may give him pause for thought—perhaps he picked up the wrong script.

RESULTS: first round singles (unless stated: W. Scaulon best Noah (France), 5-7, 7-6, 7-8, Ramirez: Medico best Manageres (Medico best Manageres), 7-6, 6-2; Partison (Rhodesta: best F. Tave 6-7, 6-4, 6-1, Krick (Scaulon), Salan best S. Tave 6-7, 6-8, 7-8, 7-10, 15-2; J. Salan best S. Taveczy (J. Salan b

Oosterhuis qualifies with ease

From Peter Ryde
San Diego, Jan 22
After failing in the first two
events of the winter golf tour,
Peter Costerbuls qualified comfortably for a place in the Andy
Williams tournament which begins
at the Torrey Pines course here
on Thursday,
His score of 68 over the 5,500yard south course was beaten by
only four of the field of 116 who
were competing for 37 places in
the tournament, A total of 18 on
the score of 71 played off to fill
the last eight places, and among
shose who failed to qualify were
Bob Shearer, of Australia, and
the past tournament winners, Tom
Shaw, Forcest Fezler and Pat
Fitzsimons.
One round will be played on
the south course and three on the

the south course and three on the 7,000-yard north course, set on the chiefs high above San Diego Bay. Victory last year with a total of 282 in bad weather went to Frank (Fuzzy) Zoeller, who later won the Masters. Tom Watson makes his first appearance of the season here this week, but Johany Miller has again withdrawn because of a bad neck. drawn because of a bad neck.
Those who direct the fortunes
of American professional golfers
will not be digging for gold this
year but seeking to broaden their
base. That roughly was the
message that Commissioner Deane
Beman, head of the Professional
Golfers Association, delivered on
a brief visit to the tour's second
event.

event.

The \$14m tour does not lack support from sponsors. According

now, television is of vital impor-This constant battle to secure public interest has led to the introduction of a new information programme, which will through the programme, which will through the season give such details as the longest hitter, the most successful putter, the players who hit the most greens in regulation figures and so on. By making known the individual skills of players it is hoped to make them better known to the public. In the old days, Mr Beman considers, there were only two or three stars, now there are between 12 and 20—but only one of them can lead the order of merit and only one be a winner in any one week.

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to Mr Bemsa, the pro-am sections of events are being mken up more in advance than ever before, and that means rournaments will be soundly based as well as contributing to charity. If the PGA are concerned about the declining interest of television in the game, they are not showing it; but they are taking steps to build up a stronger public inverset in what they have to offer.

At both ends of the age scale they are breaking new ground. In the next two years they are proposing to build up a seniors circuit of at least six tournaments for the over-fifties. Honorary chairman of the council to promote that is none other than Sam Snead. The past is worth preserving, and the United States is especially strong in golfing names that are remembered. They might even appeal to television which in golf has a fairly monotonous diet.

By contrast, the PGA has invested £100,000 in the establishment of a junior training scheme centred at Disneyland in Florida, and this is being helped by the National Golf Foundation. Here again one sees the rivalry between different sports in the United again one sees the rivalry between different sports in the United States: professional golf is con-cerued that it may lose the interest of the younger generation to live-lier, faster-moving sports. When one sees how many good young players there are moving into the game, and how many others fall to make it, that is difficult to understand; but Beman was taking

major events, is stiling: Enthusi-asm for it is not lacking, but the players will not commit them-selves to it in advance.

My inquiry whether the PGA were satisfied with the present date of the British Open, and if not, when would Mr Beman like it to be played, drew a prolonged silence. He was clearly torn between his own feelings and his desire not to offend a visitor. An American journalist came to the American journalist came to the American journalist cause of the rescue by answering "December", which raised a laugh. I was left with the feeling that the British Open, though disruptive to their idea of the tour, was

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that not everything in the garden is lovely. Again according to Mr Beman the subsidiary tour, low-key events which coincide with

Hockey

West defend staunchly in defeat

By Joyce Whitehead

Midlands 2 West 8

Midlands improved on their last performance and beat West 2—0 at Bedford yesterday. The grass pitch was in good condition. Midlands dominated the game but found goals difficult to obtain. West could not keep possession in attack but they were staunch defenders. Near half time West were a little unlucky when a shot by Mary Flanagan of Warwickswire was defected into goal by a West defender.

At half time West substituted Sarah Slade Wiltshire for Vanessa Kear, who had pulled a muscle. Midlands had made two changes (one positional) before the match. Barbara Holden (Northamptonshire) moved from right half to left inner and Mary Allen (Bedford CPE) came in at the will time with Midlands that made two changes (one positional) before the match. Barbara Holden (Northamptonshire) moved from right half to left inner and Mary Allen (Bedford CPE) came in at

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Shield chances

South Australia strengthened their chances of winning the Sheffield Shield when they beat Western Australia by 154 runs in Perth yesterday. Western Australia resuming at 49 for two, never looked like reaching their target of 393. Only Greg Shipperd and Graeme Wood offered any serious resistance. Shipperd hitting 71 and Wood a sparkling 56, which included 10 boundaries. The match between New South Weles and Queensland in Brisbane ended in a discoppointing

Wales and Queensand in bris-bane ended in a disappointing draw. The New South Wales cap-tain, Rick McCosker set Queens-land the inopossible task of scor-ing 238 to win in the final ses-sion and they finished at 113 for

sion and they insisted the lines.

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Market Rasen programme

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3-1 Always Linpac. 4-1 Redmacl. 5-1 Kikori. 11-2 Longcliffe, 7-1 Hurworth House, 8-1 Spanish Handrul, 10-1 Doctor Bob. 12-1 Metnet Saba, 16-1 others. 2.0 HORNCASTLE CHASE (Novices: £992: 2m)

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3.0 SLEAFORD HURDLE (Div II: novices: £674: 2m)

3.30 LINCOLN CHASE (Handicap: £1,032: 2m 5f)

Market Rasen selections By Our Racing Correspondent 1.0 Learned Lady, 1.30 Always Linpac, 2.0 STARLIGHT LAD is specially recommended, 2.30 Trojan Walk, 3.0 Misty Boy, 3.30 Bishop's Pawn,

How Random Leg could take a giant stride to the top

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
There should be some excellent
racing on Saturday at Cheltenham
and Doncaster. In both cases we
find an example of the modern
trend with each course leaning
heavily on a sponsor, and a sponsor connected with betting at
that. It will be Tote day at
Cheltenham while at Doncaster it
will be the William Hill Organisation who will act as hosts.
This is a new fixture at
Cheltenham. With the backing of
the Tote they tried to stage an
identical meeting for the first
time last year, but their efforts
were folled by trost and snow. It
will be a crying shame if this
year's card is lost because the
three races sponsored by the

Sedgefield results

12.45 | 12.46 | COXHOS HURDLE (Handicap: setting: £348; 2m 4f)

CALETA PRINCE, br g, by Kythnos—Lills (D. Plant) 13-10-5 Hulls (D. Plant) 13-10-5 Hr Resistor S, Kuttewell 12-1 1 Glear Cry A, McGilligan 120-1 3

ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Young Horn (ref to face), 6-1 Str Allen (p). Triole (4th: 10-1 Prefarence (p). 20-1 Arthors Choice (p). 8 ran. NR: Ragusa Bay.

TOTE: Win. 68p; places, 33p, 60p, 13p, Dual F: 56p, CSF; £9.09, D. Pjam, at Tarporley, 15t, hd. No bid for the winner.

1.15 (1.15) STOCKTON HURDLE (Handlesp: £575: 2m)
HENRY HOTFOOT, b. h. by Horfoot
—Tudor Cream (E. Carrer., 6-10-0 ... J. D'Neill (7-2) 1
Battloment D. Wilkinson (11-8 by) 2
Aleskan Prince ... A. Webb (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: B-1 Lady Val (4th., 10-1 Rionore, The Pukhar Bell, 25-1 Sca Headrig, 55-1 Sea Minstrel, 8 ran, NR: Hallez-Loup, Glazepia Rework.

TOTE: Win: 55p: places, 39s, 10s, 26p Dual F. 71p. CSF: 85p. E. Carter, at Manon, 6i, 5l.

1.45 | GEORGE MULCASTER CHASE | Handicap: 21,014: 3m 250yd: RIGOROUS, ch s. by Sparsan General—April: 50ower | Mrs. J. Simpson: 5-10-9 Grant | 11-2: 1 Orchard Haro R. Lamb (5-7; f. fro: 2 Red Earl ... J. Hanson (100-50: 3)

ALSO RAN: 3-1 it fav Burelof (Ath: 10-1 High Rene!, 14-1 Mary Mile, 35-1 lingham (F), 7 ren. NR: Ligraly Sun. Border Brief.

TOTE: Win, 61p: places, 36p, 13p: Dowl F. C2.61, CSF: F2.09, Mrs J. Simpson, at Darlington, 2'sl, 2l.

2.15 (2.16) SEDGEFIELD CHASE (Handicap: E783: 2m) CARNIVAL DAY, br g. by Carnival

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(G. Halton), 3-10-0
(G. Halton), 3-10-0
(100-50), 1
Caravine ... A Sowher (11-2), 2
Sastee Brig T. Carmody (5-2 fav), 3
ALSO RAN: 100-50 Ellerby Lord
(4th), 10-1 Brother Will (1), 14-1
Golden Express, 25-1 Haltonya Machine,
7 rem. NR: Oakley Gross.

TOTE: Win. 40p; places, 36p. 27p; Dual F. £1:55. CSF: £2.10. T. Fair-hurst, at Middleham. 41, 31.

TOTS DOUBLE: Bigorous and Inter State P9.40, TREBLE: Broay Hotfoot. Carnived Der and Schumann £40.25. PLACEPOT: £17.70.

STATE OF GOING (official): Folke-stone, soft: Market Rason, soft. To-morrow: Huntingdon, soft, Taunion, good to soft.

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1.30 (1.31) BLAKEDOWN HURDLE
(DIV 1. 4-y-u novices: £547: 2m)

MELALEUCA, b f by Levmors—
Swoot Sweet Jewel (R. McAlpine)
10-8 . P. Scudamore (4-5 fav) 1.

Lastuc C. Thikler (6-1) 2.

Whisky Ge Ge . F. Morris (33-1) 2.

Firet Order (4h) 50-1 Bleathwood,
Brock Hall, Fun In The Sun (p) June
Rose (p) Lady Supersiar (f) Prince
Heritier: 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p: places. 10p. 21p.
42p: dual forecast. SOp. CSF: 5-p.
T. F. Rimmel at Severa Stoke, 61, 25].

2.0 (2.1) WARNDON CHASE (Novices:
seiling: £952: 2*pm)
RUNNING SCARED, Gr by

hurst, at Middleham. 41, 21.

2.45: 2.45: SANDS CHASE (Novices: £775: 3m. 250 yds.

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NTER STATE by by Royal Highwrg-—Pine Princess (Ma) B.

Clif-McCalloch) 7-12: 12 12.

Maurivarano T. Carmody (11-1) 2

Somethins-le-Name P. Tuck (20:1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-4 for Benvalia (Ad).

9-1 Regeric (p), 14-1 Caling Royal.

25-1 Saluvalinatin (p), sanch Pall (Cap).

13 run.

TOTE: win: 35p: places 21p 15s.

55p. Deal F: £2:94. CSF: £2:59.

W. A. Stepherson at Bishop Auckland.

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515 (X.17) CASSOP HURDLE (Novices: £627: 3m).

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Tanara (Mrs A. Viller), 5-11-7 (Canywara J. O'Nel) (11-4 fav) 1

Clanywara T. Carmody (6-1) ... 2

Menitemes P. Tuck (4-1) ... 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Dismaniler (4th): 10-1 Saucy Moon. Tough Guy. 12-1 11 See You Again. 20-1 Antised.

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S5-1 Croft Close. Onem Luck. Minarel Prince. Our Foxber, Palocs.

Oursty Bark, Spansal Hul, Tuls Maid.

Come On Flower. 17 run. NR: Gay Lucky.

TOTE: Win: 480: places 20p. 26p.

12p. Dual F: £1.55. CSF: £2.52.

N. H. Easterby 21 Malton. 1-1. 2-1.

TOTE DOUBLE: Sigorous and Inter

State 29.40. TREBUS: Severy Holfoot. 2.0 (2.1) WARNDON CHASE (Novices; solling; eSSE; 2½m)
RUMNING SCARED, or g by
Supreme Sovereign—Balfeighan
A. Spence 8-11-5
G. Jones (100-50 fav. 1
Hindu Tapestry M. O'Halloran (7-1) 2
Heronsiea ... A. K. Taylor (4-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Pink God (41, 9-1
Fair Streak, 12-1 Glever One (41, 14-1
Cool Count (p). Super Jas. 1n-1
Equity (44n. Pieridium (p). 20-1
Bannock, 25-1 Marisuba, 35-1 Gillian
Rosemary (p), Irish Express (p).
Ranee Rocket (p). Splendid Boy (p).
16 ran.
TOTE: Win. 24p: places, 35p. 27p.
25p: dual forecast, £1.08. (35F: £2.79.
A. Pitt at Epsom. Hd. 2; 1.08.

Horserace Totalisator Board to the nume of £16,000 all look like being brimful of interest. Zongalero will be accompanied to Cheltenham by his stable companion, Raffi Nelson, who is earge pation, Raffi Nelson, could not run at Ascot earlier this mosth because of a bruised foot, but happily that was just a temporary setback. One of his rivals who is started favourite for the weights will be jack Madness who started favourite for the weight who was prevented from running in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase final at Haydock Park last Saturday by the weather, 5-1 Zongalero will be accompanied to Cheltenham by his stable companion, Raffi Nelson, who is earge pation, Raffi Nelson, could not run at Ascot earlier this mosth because of a bruised foot, but happily that was just a temporary setback. One of his rivals who started favourite for the welsh Grand National at Chepstow whether this exciting young horse is simply a good beginner or a welsh Grand National at Chepstow hurdler destined to reach the top, because one of his opponents is likely to be Celtic Ryde, from in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase at longer will be accompanied to Cheltenham by his stable companied to Cheltenham by his stable companied.

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Gifford also confirmed that he intended taking to Chel

Remords 25-1 Marsuba, 33-1 Gillian Rosemary (p), Irish Express (p), Renee Rocket (p), Irish Express (p), Renee Rocket (p), Splendid Boy (p), Renee Rocket (p

Folkestone programme

1.15 NORTHIAM HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £653: 2m) 1.45 BATTLE CHASE (Selling: £798: 2m) 2.15 HURST GREEN CHASE (Handicap: £1,654: 21m) 2.45 ROBERTSBRIDGE HURDLE (Handicap : Amateur riders : f1.284: 21m) 11,254: 2.1m)

020400- Hay Bridge (D), N. Geselee, 9-11-0 ... Miss J. Selley 042000 White Meron, D. Grissell, 6-10-0 ... Mrs D. Crissell 100-07: Tudor Massire, J. Long, B-10-0 ... J. O'Brian 000-020 Glosming Grass (D), J. Scallan, 7-10-0 ... T. Thompson-Junes 40400 Strong Hand, A. Ingham, 6-10-0 ... Miss B. Sanders 40400 Strong Hand, A. Ingham, 6-10-0 ... Miss S. Davison, 020-007 le Vision, D. Browning, 9-10-0 ... Miss S. Davison, 020-007 Rose Charm, M. Stephens, 5-10-0 ... Miss S. Waterman 3-00 Miss Roseite, R. Kariop, 7-10-0 ... A. J. Wilson Others, CSF: £12.75. G. H. Price, at Leominster, 34, 81.

3.15 BREDE CHASE (Novices: £849: 3½m)

3.25 O (3.33) MARTLEY CHASE (Handcep: £1.796: 3m)

ORMONDE TUDOR, b g, by Counsel—Weish Rose (J. Kelly), 11-12. J. Dartington (13-2) 1 505 faptes (11-2) 1 Dartington (13-2) 1 505 faptes (13-2) 1 Dartington (13-2) 1 505 faptes (13-2) 1 Dartington (13 3.45 NORTHIAM HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £647: 2m)

By Our Reging Correspond at 1.15 The Herb. 1.45 Monksgrange. 2.15 Betton Gorse. 2.15 White Heron. 3.15 FLYING ROMANY is specially recommended. 3.45 Musical Prince.

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Chancery Division

Higher interest on compensation for breach of trust

His Lordship held that the lia-

His Lordship held that the liability of a bank trust company for breach of trust was essentially that of effecting restitution to the trust estate and was fundamentally different from the liability of a contractual or tortious wrongdoer for damages. He also held that the appropriate rate of interest payable by a defaulting trustee was that allowed from time to time on moneys to court placed on the short-term investment account.

His Lordship was considering the form of order which would give effect to his judgment, delivered on July 31, 1979, by which he held Barclays Bank Trust Co Ltd llable for breach of trust in failing to prevent the directors of a family company in which the a family company in which the bank trust company held 99.8 per bank trust company held 99.8 per cent of the shares as trustees of the settlement, from embarking on a project relating to a site in the City which his Lordship had held to be imprudent and hazardous and wholly unsufable for a trust whether undertaken by the hank trust company direct or through the medium of its wholly owned commany. owned company.
Mr E. G. Nugee, QC and Mr Jules Sher for the plaintiffs, the persons interested in three-fourths of the trust fund: Mr Alan Sebestyen (who appeared at the trial with Mr Paul Baker, QC) for the defendant, the bank trust

company.
HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs contended that the court should determine the extent to which the company's assets were wrongly depleted in consequence of the breaches of trust, and the extent of the additional proceeds of sale which would have accrued on the sale of the respective share-holdings if the assets had not been depleted, and then, as a simple mathematical exercise, calculate the additional proceeds of sale referable to each plaintiff or settled share. It had to be remem-bered that, on the sale of the company, there was an outside shareholding of 0.2 per cent which had nothing to do with the action and that the remaining fourth of the trust fund was held in trust for persons not parties to the action. on the sale of the respective share-

The trust company challenged that method of calculating com-pensation. It based its challenge on the fact that three of the on the fact that three of the plaintiffs each became absolutely entitled to 83,000-odd shares to the company on January 25, 1974, when the tenant for life of onewhen the tenant for life of one-fourth of the trust fund died, and that the total shareholding in the company was sold in September, 1978. The trust company submitted that it held each such block of 53,000 shares as bare trustee for each such plaintiff and not as trustee of any subsisting settle-ment, and that in those circum-stances the capital loss suffered by the fitnee plaintiffs outfur to be

The obligation of a defaulting trustee was essentially that of assets of which he had deprived effecting restitution to the trust it. The tax habilities of the trust estate, and until such restitution had been made the default continued. If, for example, there were time of the trust estate, and until such restitution had been made the default continued. If, for example, there were trust estate the firmst estate the despited assets of which he had deprived to the trust it. The tax habilities of the trust estate, why that should be so his established practice and there did not expert to the trust estate the despited to the trust estate, and until such restitution had been until such restitution to the trust estate the despited to the trust it. The tax habilities of the trust estate, and until such restitution had been made the default continued in the trust is the point of the trust estate the trust is the trust estate the trust est

In re I.S. (a minor)

Bartlett and Others y Barclays
Bank Trust Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Brightman
[Judgment delivered January 15]
His Lordship's view, in each case, offerent stages though they notwithstanding that one settled share had wested absolutely a order. mouth, or a year, or five years before the default was made good, unless the person absolutely en-titled had, by virtue of his absotitled had, by virtue of ms 2039-lute entitlement, in some way lessened the trustee's responsi-bility. But no such point arose here. The trust company argued that each shareholding should be valued, as it was, as a minority shareholding.

shareholding.

Such an approach was unrealistic. A beneficiary, properly advised, would not have sold his shareholding on its own and without regard to its value as a proportion of the company's capital. The unwinding of the speculation over the site removed an impediment to the sale of the company which followed shortly thereafter.

The trust commany also somehr The trust company also sought to qualify the words of the court's order so that if the compensation found payable escaped taxation which would otherwise have been payable had the breach of trust not been committed, it would not be required to that a more than a be required to pay more than a net sum. The point, based on British Transport Commission v Gourley ([1956] AC 126) arose in tion (capital gains tax being in point) and income compensation. If free from taxation in the plainif free from taxation in the plantiffs' hands, the compensation
payable should not, it was said,
exceed the amount with which
each plaintiff would have been
left after taxation, had the relevant losses not been made and
had larger dividends accordingly
been declared.

Consideration of that problem was complicated because the claims were not for restitution in the strictest sense. The shortfall the strictest sense. The shortfall in capital and income flowing from the unauthorized speculation was primarily suffered by the family company. But restitution to the company was not, and never could have been, an appropriate remedy. The company, if it still existed, no longer had anything to do with the trust, nor had the trustees owned all the shares in the company. The trust company could never properly have been ordered to make good to the company the losses it suffered. Indeed the trust company, which was a shareholder in and not a director of the company, pany, which was a shareholder in and not a director of the company, did not owe any duty to the company. The so-called restitution which the trust company must make to the plaintiffs and the settled shares was in reality compensation for loss suffered by them, and was not readily distinguishable from damages. In such circumstances there was at least a plausible argument for taking tax into consideration in assessing compensation.

With some hesitation his Lord-ship concluded that the trust stances the capital loss suffered by the tirree plaintiffs ought to be assessed as at January 25, 1974, when the settlement came to an end quoad the three blocks of \$3,000 shares, and not when the shareholdings were sold.

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order.
That, his Lordship thought, produced a somewhat unjust him formation wrongdoer That, his Lordship thought, produced a somewhat unjust his against the fiduciary wrongdoer compared with the contractual or tortions wrongdoer in a case such as the present where the breach of trust had not enriched the defaulting trustee, but he did not feel that the established principles upon which equitable relief was gratted enabled him to apply the Gourley principle. ourley principle.

Gontey pushings.

Torning to the question of interest, his Lordship said that the only dispute related to the rate chargeshie on compensation. In chargeshie on compensation. In former days a trustee was normally only charged with interest at 4 per cent unless there were special circumstances. That rate seemed to have prevailed until recent years. The trust company had supplied the court with a table of Bank and Minimum Lending Rates and deposit rates, Between 1963, when the scheme in question began, and the present day there were nearly 80 changes in the first two and nearly 70 in Barclays Bank deposit rate. The first two rates had varied between 4 per cent and 17 per cent, and the deposit rate between 2 per cent and 15 per cent.

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In these days of huse and con-In these days of huge and con-stantly changing interest rates it would be unrealistic for a court of equity to abide by the interest rate current in the stable times of our forefathers. The proper rate, in the absence of special circum-stances, appeared to be that allowed from time to time on the court's short-term investment account, established under section 6(1) of the Administration of Justice Act. 1965.

Justice Act, 1965.

To some extent the high interest rates now psyable on money lent reflected and compensated for the continual erosion in the value of money by reason of galloping inflation. It was arguable, therefore, that a proportion should be added to capital to help maintain the corpus. Compilerating might have to be given sideration might have to be given to adjustment between life tenant and remaindermen, but his Lord-ship expressed no view on the

As to costs, which were obviously very large, the plaintiffs tad asked for interest on disbursements from the date of disbursement or judgment whichever was later. While seeing the force of their argument, the court could not make such an order; a defendant could not be charged with dant could not be charged with interest on costs before they had been taxed because he did not know what he was liable to pay. know what he was liable to pay.

Nor could costs be taxed on the common fund basis, as the plaintiffs sought under Order 62, rule 28 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Though such an order could properly be made against a trustee in exceptionel circumstances, the usual rule was party and party to give the successful party in hostile hitgation an indemnity against the expense to which he had been put, save in very special cases. Why that should be so his Lordship did not know, but it was established practice and there did not appear to be sufficient reason to depart from it.

Solicitors: Frere Cholmeley &

No power to make declaration of paternity

The Court of Appeal stated that there was no jurisdiction to make a declaration of paternity. The court, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Ormrod, dis-missed an appeal by the plaintiff, a trainee accountant, who claimed to be the father of a boy horn to a schoolteacher in September, 1975, from an order of Mrs Justice Helibron in wardship pro-ceedings but amended it by sub-stituting an order dismissing the stituting an order dismissing the plaintiff's summons of May. 1979, for a declaration of paternity for the first paragraph, which was to the effect that, the issue of

the effect that, the issue of paternity having been tried and the court not being satisfied that the plaintiff was the father of the minor, the plaintiff's summons would be dismissed. By the second paragraph, the boy ceased to be a ward of the court. LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, In the reserved judgment of the court, said that the boy's mother had lived since 1972 in a continuhad lived since 1972 in a continuous relationship with another man. Mr R. except for short periods when she was working outside London. They had no wish to marry one another. At the end of 1974, while away from home, she met the plaintiff and sexual intercourse took place between them on two occasions. In June, 1975, the content of the product the state of the state the mother found that she was five months pregnant. At that time she wrote to the plaintiff that she was not sure whose haby it was. The boy had always lived with his mother and Mr R, who accepted the position. The plaintiff became obsessed

with the thought of the boy and insisted on going to see him. His visits became increasingly embarrassing and his attitude more and 1976 blood samples taken from the mother, the child and the

Appointments
The Rt Rev G. Holderness, for-

merly Dean of Lichfield, now re-tired, has been appointed an

Other appointments
The Rev D. A. Baker. Rector of
Kirks' Underdale with Bugitacree.
diocese of York, is be patest-in-charge
of Normanky with Edston, same

Church news

report that access by the plaintiff would not be in the boy's best interests. That was not surprising as the plaintiff had had victually no contact with him and had behaved to the mother in such a start of the plaintiff of the mother in such a behaved to the mother in such a way as to make contact between them almost impossible. But he did recommend that the issue of paternity should be decided. At the hearing before the judge, it was clear that the issue of access was a foregone conclusion and that access would be harmful to the how.

the boy. At that stage the plaintiff issued s summons for a declaration of paternity. The judge was deprived of hearing argument on the issue of jurisdiction and assumed in the plaintiff's favour that she had power to make such a declaration. She was not satisfied that, on the preponderunce of the probabilities, the plaintiff had proved that he was the boy's father.

On the appeal the question was whether there was jurisdiction to make an order declaring that "A" was the father of "B". The

court, of course, had to decide from time to time the issue of paternity in order to resolve some other issue between the parties, although it was rarely necessary to do so in wardship proceedings. There was certainly no statutory power to grant such a declaration power to grant such a declaration for there was no analogy with the powers now contained in the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973, section 45 to grans by decree declarations of legitimacy, legitimation or the validity of marriage. The lack of any comparable procedure to determine the paternity of an illegitimate child might reduce the practical efficacy might reduce the practical efficacy of the policy of eliminating so far

plaintiff did not exclude the possibility of the plaintiff being the
father. In 1978 the plaintiff issued
a summons for access to the boy,
The Official Solicitor, appointed
a guardian ad litem for the boy,
gave a clear intimation in his
report that access by the plaintiff

declaration of matter to grant a
declaration of matter to grant a declaration of paternity under the wardship proceedings as such, for it was not directly relevant to the issues normally dealt with in such

proceedings.
Such power would therefore have to be found in the inherent jurisdiction of the court. No jurisdiction of the court. No authority for such a proposition was cited for the plaintiff, nor was the court aware of any. On the contrary the only case rouching the point, Aldrich v Attorney. General ([1968] P 281), went against the plaintiff's contentions. Therefore, the judge had no Therefore, the judge had no power to make a declaration of paternity. That conclusion accorded with the views of the Law Commission in their paper of March, 1979, Family Law and Inheriumes.

Further, the judge, if she did Further, the judge, if she did have jurisdiction, should have refused to exercise it. In wardship, proceedings, the interests of the child were paramount and all decisions must be taken in the light of those interests.

With hindsight it was clear that with hibosight it was clear that it was unnecessary to consider the biological parentage of the boy to reach a conclusion about access, which was the only live issue. The boy was securely based in a two-parent family, the plaintiff being to all innexts and purposes a stranger. To allow the paternity issues of the parentity issues of the paternity. stranger. To allow the paternity issue to disturb the settled relationship was an undoubted mistake and the court was in full agreement with the mother's artitude. It was regretable that the mother had provided samples of her own and the boy's blood. The appeal would be dismissed the judge's order being amended

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Pathrey. Walsal, diocese of Lichfield, to be Rettor of Petrockstowe with Petersmariand. Mecton, Meeth and Hulsal, diocese of Exeter.

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What happens to a society with two million or more people permanently unemployed in its midst? What happens to those who school facing These were among the questions dis-

ere is now a considerable amount of of work

is one of shock and often of disbelief. There is often a feeling of optimism, and a holiday asmosphere, shared by the victim's family, particularly if there has been a handsome redundancy payment. The next, intermediate, phase is one where the unavoidable. The day is spent in forced and meaningless leisure and family relationships become strained.

The last phase, Dr Fagin suggested, can be defined as the unemployed state. A new non-occupational identity is established and social activities are curtailed hished and social activities are curtailed. A rather more optimistic picture of what can happen to the unemployed was provided by Professor Ray Pahl of the University of Kent and Dr Jonathan Gershuny of the University of Sussex. They have been studying the "informal economy", the growing sector of do-it-yourself work and odd jobs that exists outside the formal economy. Professor Pahl has found in a study of unemployed people in Kent that not everyone needs a nine-to-five job, and that many people seem to be able to cope with the experience of being

cope with the experience of being thrown out of their jobs by taking up domestic work, doing odd jobs for cash or kind among neighbours and friends, setting food from allotments and even and other social centres.

Dr Alec Dickson, the founder of Community Service Volunteers and Voluntary Service Overseas, pointed out at the con-

ference that this was an almost exact description of life in a tribal community in New Guinea. He argued that unem-ployment, particularly among young people, should be seen as an opportunity rather than an unmitigated evil, and called for a whole series of new forms of

community service.

Dr Dickson also gave a moving account of a group of boys in Tonga who lived for 15 months on an uninhabited island, off which they had been wrecked, by a comwhich they had been wisered, by a com-bination of resourcefulness, courage and fraternal vows that they would never quarrel. This real-life story, he sug-gested, presented a total antichesis to the

message conveyed in William Golding's Lord of the Flies of what happens to young people when they are suddenly con-

Dr Krishan Kumar of the University of Kent hinted at another way in which the existence of widespread unemployment might be seen as an opportunity rather than an unmitigated evil. He argued than man has only been regarded as Homo laborens since industrialization and that previously he was seen more typically as Homo rationale or even Homo ludens. Seen in that perspective, unemployment might be a liberating experience allowing individuals to fulfill their true nature intellectual creative or recreational

Sadly, this idea was never really pursued at the conference, but it was echoed in the graphic comparison by Professor Boris Ford, of Bristol University of life in one of the mining villages of the Rhondda valley as it was 40 years ago and as it is now. Before the war, with an unemployment rate of 80 per cent, virtually the whole male population were engaged in whole male population were engaged in do-it-yourself work, community activities and participating in adult education classes on music. Marxism and Greek civilisation. Now their sons are for the most part in full-time employment; yet they are dismal and depressed and have fallen prey to the mindless palliatives of bingo and television. Perhaps there is a

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Cutting back: the grim dilemma facing Kent

The Prime Minister, supported by the Secretary of State for the Environment, is claiming that the reductions in local is claiming that the reductions in local government expenditure can be met by reducing bureaucracy and eliminating waste. Yet all over the country, as councils prepare the budget for 1980/81, painful cuts in actual services are heing planned (Education may be the exception. Apart from having the advantage of falling school rolls, it may be able to absorb most of its cuts by increasing charges on school meals and transport.)

The discrepancy between what Mrs.

social Focus

The discrepancy between what Mrs Thatcher is saying and loyal Tory council-lors are actually having to do to achieve central government guidelines has led some commentators to put the blame on local authority chief officers. They are being accused of recommending cuts in services which arouse strong emotions, like the closure of old people's homes, in order to protect their swollen bureau-cracies or to try to discredit the Government's public expenditure policies. The public is understandably confused. What

Next to education, social services are Next to education, social services are the biggest spenders in local government so they are a good example to take. Social services (as distinct from social security, which distributes cash and is administered by central government) look after and provide services for vulnerable people children and adolescents in care and at risk, the old, the mentally and physically handicapped and the mentally ill. It is necessary to stress that all social services clients are, by definition, those in need, because even supposedly well-informed people, like MPs, ask me why I am cutting services to the vulnerable.

My department, of the social services for Kent, serves a population of 1,500,000 and looks after about 50,000 people is one My department, of the social way or amother. This includes nearly 2,500 children in care, over 3,000 old people in residential care, 15,500 households receiving a home help, 1,100 mentally handicapped attending training centres and over 20,000 on the physically handicapped register. For this task we have an annual revenue budget of nearly 53im, about 70 per cent of which is spent on 5,500 staff, a number of whom, like most home helps

are part-time. The central government subsidy (the rate support grant) to local government for 1960/81 has been worked out on a formula which estimates a reduction in social services expenditure of about 7.5 per cent. But, to make matters even more difficult, every social services department has to absorb about 2.5 per cent of un-avoidable growth in the pipeline. This avoidable growth in the pipeline. This much missunderstood and maligned.

homes being completed during the year and brought into operation, and picking up our share of the bill for projects funded jointly with the health service, like getting mensally handicapped people out of outmoded hospitals.

As there is going to be a 25 per cent increase in the number of people living over the age of 75 in the next 10 years and it is more expensive and less humane to keep mentally handicapped people in hospital than it is in the community, these growth items are neither unnecessary nor extravagant. Thus, if central government guidelines are followed, a social services department is going to have to reduce its expenditure by shout 10 per cent in the coming year, which, in the case of my department, would be the case of my department, would be

Although there are variations for instance East Sussex would spend a higher percentage of its budget on old people than an inner city borough, which would spend more on delinquent youngsters pro rate how we spend our money is much the same in all authorities: therefore, it would not be misleading to take Kent as an example. We spend \$13.5m (44 per cent) of our total budger on residential care for children, the old and the mentally disturbed; \$3.2m of this is spent paying for people we place in voluntary and private homes. No savings can be made here as their expenses are going up. In our own local-authorny-run homes we cannot cut down on staff and keep the homes fully operational.

The next largest section of our budget, f75m (24 per cens) goes on community care, is f35m on the home help service,

care, is £3.5m on the home help service, £1.5m on foster parents' expenses and £0.5m on greats to voluntary organizations which do work on our behalf. The remainder under this heading is taken up by meals on wheels, shehered housing, aids and adaptations for the physically handicapped fiving at home, and support to families at risk whose children we are trying to avoid having to take into care. It is not possible to make any savings here without cutting services.

We spend £3m (10 per cent) on day care. This includes our training centres for the mentally handicapped (£1.3m), intermediate treatment for delinquent youngsters (£120,000) who would otherwise be in much more expensive com-

wise be in much more expensive com-munity homes, and day centres for the elderly and physically handicapped (£900,000), which helps keep them from full residential care. We have no room for manoeuvre here.

A total of £4m (18 per cent) is spent on field social workers. Social workers are

times been their own worst enemies, most of the crinicisms against them are unfair and unfounded. On society's behalf they look after and support in the community the most difficult, instactable and often iragic human beings, whom other people have given up in despair. Any reduction in field workers must put even more pressure on the aiready hard-pressed residential services. About £9.5m (2 per cent) is spent on instrance, telephones, intuing, postage, etc.

We are left with £2.5m (7 per cent), £1.5m of which covers all the administrative officers, receptionists, clerks and typists servicing the whole organization in central office and 15 divisional offices across the county and wichout whom the department would come to a half in half-ranger. The remarked for an hour. The remainder is spent on service and operational managers.

sible to do this and keep a complicated machine roining smoothly, it would only save £460,000, a little over 15 per cent of the savings required. The balance of over £2.5m would have to come from closover t2.5m would have to come from closing homes, reducing the home help service and cutting back on social workers, etc. This is why councils like Kent are hoping to avoid having to cut social services by as much as central government; in recommending. They are all too painfully aware that savings cannot be achieved merely by "cutting bureaucracy".

Most of us share the Prime Minister's concern to cut it, but I do not see how

it can be done without changing the present system. Bureaucracy is a by-product of biguess. It is fuelled by the immense complexity in getting anything done, often because of well-intentioned but restricting central government legislation. Local government is even more complicated and hamstring than big business because quite properly, it is publicly accountable and democratically controlled, which is inevitably slow, cumbersome and increasingly expensive. If the economy of the country cannot sustain the expenditure required by a large public sector, then we must look for new ways of dealing with old problems. We should also ask whether big, bureaucrasic, biserarchical, highly unionized, cumbersome and cautious local government machines are the best instruthese need to be personal, fast reacting, flexible and compassionate to be effective. Possible answers to these questions must be the subject of another article.

If we could reduce our management and administrative overheads by 20 per cent, and frankly, in a reasonably well-run department I do not believe it is pos-

concern to cut it, but I do not see how it can be done without changing the pregovernment machines are the best instru-ments for delivering social services when

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Exploring the myth that genius and madness are closely connected

1922 when Professor Lewis Terman Is creative senius on the borderline of insanity? Dryden's assertion that "great wits are sure to madness near allied" with are sure to madness near allied seems at first sight supported by examples of insane genius such as Van Gogh, Nijinsky, and Dostoevsky. In fact, however, there is evidence which points in the opposite direction: the successful and eminent are most often well-balanced mentally. If there is any counsation between senius and serious mental disbetween genius and serious mental dis-order—and recent research in the United Sources suggests there may be—unusual ability may be fostered by the possession

Many of the commonly held beliefs about genius are misconceptions based on faulty interpretation of common experience. For an undersized, immature introvert simply because (until very recently) schoolteachers found precocious children essier to manage if they were taught with sheir intellectual rather than their physical equals. A child two or three years younger than the rest of his class will appear small and emotionally backward. Formal psychological studies of children show that those with high intelligence scores are generally also good at sports and are more advanced then average both physically and sexualiv. ·

No amount of debunking of the myths bout genius can diminish its fascination: almost all parents must ar one sime wonder whether their child might turn out to be another Newton, Napoleon, or Michelangelo, Several times this century psychologists have collected together large numbers of "geniuses", defined on criteria such as the length of their entries in biographical reference works, and attempted to assess their background, upattempted to assess their background, up-bringing, and mental qualities. Apart from a slight excess of minor disabilities, such as stammering, their mental health seemed remarkably normal. Similar findings emerged from the immense 50-year study at Stanford University, which began in searched schools in California to collect together 1,500 children with IQ scores of 140 or higher. As these children grew

or 140 or mgner. As these children grew up they performed outstandingly academic ally—as might have been expected—and went ou to highly placed positions in research or business life. They also, in contrast to popular expectations, proved physically—and emotionally remarkably healthy with fewer divorces and deaths than the average. If, then, the child with a high IQ is also

is the source of the longstanding belief of an association between mental instability and genius? Possibly, since high intelli-gence—as measured by formal tests—does not measure artistic creativity, the possession of exceptional ability in the arts or in music may be a separate facility (though many of Professor Terman's gifted children showed high ability in these areas and some were exceptional). There is some clustering of manusual abilities. Commonly children with high ability in mathematics are often also outstanding scientists and inventors; philosophy, history, and

languages seem to go together.

In contrast, musicians and artists seem less likely to have other exceptional abilities. Possibly, too, the flamboyance of some artiste and musicians with mercuria personalities or frank psychotic illnesse: has encouraged the dissemination of the belief that creativity and instability go hand in hand. Some psychiatrists have argued that inner conflicts and tensions are essential stimulants to great achievement. Most, however, would agree with Terman that a gifted child is more likely to succeed if he or she is emotionally stable and also well-endowed with per-severance and self-confidence. Even so, there may still be some association between genius, and especially creative genius, and mental illness. A group of American psychiatrists has recently sug-

gested (American Journal of Psychiatry, 1979, 11, 1398) that creativity may sometimes be stimulated by mental abnormality in the parents.

colleagues have been looking at what they term "superkids"—children of mentally disturbed mothers who seem not only invulnerable to the stress inevitable in such a family background but able positively to thrive on it. Several psychological studies have commented that a minority of such children may show one or more exceptional abilities. Professor Grunebaum believes that when a highly intelligent child is brough up by a schoolirenic mother the child may gain unusual perspectives which may encourage cressive thinking. Children who develop outstanding gifts in such circumstances invariably have a close, warm relationship with their mothers, and the unusual features of the home environment may act as a stimulant. An alternative explanation as a stimulant. An alternative explanation is that the genetic makeup that predisposes to schizophrenia may, in a less intense form, be intellectually advantageous. A study in Iceland found that the most successful achievers there had schizophrenic relatives more often that would be expected. Schizophrenia is common, affecting about 1 per cent of the population in all races and cultures.

the population in all races and cultures, but the underlying disturbance of brain function is still little understood. But perhaps the most curious feature about research into unusual ability is that so little is done. Retrospecive analysis of great scientists, philosophers, military and political leaders, innovators and arrists, writers and architects is consistent in giving them high scores on IQ testing. The tiny minority—2 per cent—of each genera-tion with IQs of 130 or more has fashioned

much of human history. Should we not find out more about them?

Dr Tony Smith Medical Correspondent

Have we an unemployment culture?

the prospect of permanent unemployment, or who find themselves in adult life suddenly being thrown out of work? Is there, indeed, a culture of unemployment?

cussed at a conference at Wentworth Woodhouse, near Sheffield, last July, the proceedings of which have just been published in the latest issue of the New Universities Quarterly. It is fair to say that the questions were

posed rather than answered. There was an understandable reluctance on the part of many of the participants at the ference to discuss a subject like culture of unemployment" because they felt that it implied acquiescence in a state tent that it implied acquiescence in a state
of affairs which they found unacceptable.
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number of interesting perspectives on the
cultural implications for a society with
mass-unemployment and for individuals
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Anne Howells and Colin Graham

The delightful difficulties of putting on The Merry Widow

"The best and the most popular operetta of the century"—
as Ernest Newman described it returns to the repertoire of English National Operatonight with Anne Howells in the title role and Colin Graham mounting a new production. It will be the first time Anne Howells has sung the part of Hanna Glawari. "It's like approaching Schubert," she says. "The singing has to be really subtle and approached with great delicacy and shought. It has to have charm. I love the dialogue and the dancing. There's an opportunity to do everything in this role—but it's difficult stuff."

How difficult has Colfn Graham found it to produce? "Putting on an operetta is like putting on seven Götterdammerungs. There's so much in The Merry Widow. We are setting it about 1910. Costume designs are based on the Paristan haute couture of the time: anyone who knows anything about fashion should see that they are the French fashions of the period. For the set designs we go to the art nouveau of Rennie Mackintosh. The thing is, spart from Valencienne and Camille, the majority of French Worther

Late last spring when Mas-

senet's Werther moved from the Coliseum to Covent Garden,

under the Bow Street/St. Martin's Lane exchange sys-

tem, it seemed to fail under an evil star. Teresa Berganza, the scheduled Charlotte, cancelled

just before the opening night and did not appear until well into the run. Alfredo Kraus, in the title role, found himself singing with three different

has turned to winter and it was no surprise to bear the wind

Colin Davis, who is not a man

French composer, was estrained in his conducting of

the Clair de lune scene so that

the final two acts could work their full effect. They did.

With a comical ensemble—Don

Ottavio imitating a guitar,

Leporello (here called Pas-

quariello) a bassoon, and Don

Giovanni's cook a double bass-

Giuseppe Gazzaniga's opera comes to a hilarious end. This

is the opera whose text, by Gio-

vanni Bertati, served as a model

for Lorenzo da Ponte. The revi-

val by Opera Viva, the first in

this country since the last years

of the eighteenth century, or

perhaps the first ever, makes one listen to Mozart with even

greater respect and wonder-

The two operas belong to the same year, 1787. Gazzaniga's Don Giovanni Tenorio, o sia Il

ment.

Don Giovanni

Stanley Sadie

Collegiate Theatre

Covent Garden

John Higgins

interest that Hanna should have anything to do with Parisian men. She is, in fact, part of an international set." Anne Howells agrees: "Al-Anne Howells agrees: "Although Hama was born and brought up the daughter of a commoner, she's a woman for whom background does not matter. She has an inborn sense of style. I shall try to show that, deep down, she's not hard in spite of being rich and beautiful. I find in her a strong tiful. I find in her a strong Slavic streak and a sense of fun. She comes to Paris because

Paris is the centre of society;

but perhaps underneath she bas

come to look for Danilo? Poor Danilo, he ends up without anyone !"

Colin Graham wants to Colin Graham wants to emphasize particular features of the work. "The Merry Widow is very special. Unlike most operates it's about very real operations it's about very real people and their untangled relationships; nor is it like Fledermans, which is an artificial comedy situation. The persiflage is there but we are trying to keep it very romantic. The last time it was done by the last time it was done by the ENO, romanticism was deliberately eschewed."

people are in the chorus. For it is against the Pontevedrian rehearsal time between two casts. Anne Howells leads the first with Emile Belcourt singing Danilo; Catherine Wilson and Stuart Harling take over for the second. "Rehearsing two casts inevitably alters the scheduling and presents the director with a tactical problem. After taking one pair of soloists to a point in the drama the natural thing is to want to go shead but it is necessary to go back to the beginning and do it with the other pair. It can become frustrating for the other members of the cast and chorus who have to go through everything twice. Also we have had one person in each couple who has done the part before in other productions. Ideas, different words perhaps, which the artists feel have worked before, they want to incorporate now. The producer starts to worry

> There have been notorious productions of The Merry Widow in the pest, including Béjart's in Brussels which had charvemen mosping up the froor as a background to Hanna's entry. "Unlike Bejart I shall be making no political state-

about using other people's

ment. Lenar's estate sued Bejart but were awarded dam-ages of one franc | He wanted, I suppose I suppose, to show that there were real things happening in the world alongside the purely escapist entertainment."

As a result of the Béjart in-cident the publishers are being very careful about Edmund Tracey's new translation which is based on the original text. The "approved" Sadier's Wells /Christopher Hassail version of the Fifties turns out not to have been accurate to Lehar's original and has become anachromistic anyway.

After this return to London

Anne Howells will be singing Niklaus in Les Contes d'Hoffmann under James Levine and Jean Pierre Ponnelle in Salzburg, and Orsini with Joan Sutherland in the Covent Garden Lucrezia Borgia in April. There isn't a great deal left in the mezzo repertoire for me to sing. I think thet's why mezzos try to sing the soprano repertoire. The range for mezzos is limited. I'm singing more con-carts and Lieder, for, while I enjoy travelling, it's nice to be

John Greenhalgh



The death of Werther: José Carreras with Frederica von Stade

ally in Frederica von Stade, singing her first London Charbowl through the orchestra as Werther goes off in the night on the longest journey of all to shoot himself. moi", she says coolly and accurately to Werther, the one man who could drag her out of her comfortable Biedermeier to hold back on a sumptuous melody, particularly if it is by

exquisite tone and feeling by Miss von Stade—she knows that her indecision will ruin them lotte. BBC TV viewers last both. She is right inside the Friday caught a glimpse of her playing the same role in Houston, but that dreary "profile " scarcely hinted at the strength and style of her Covent Garden performance. Massenet's opera may be called Werther, but it is Charlotte who was a religious and role, musically and dramatic-ally. An outstanding performance, a Gainsborough lady trapped in a small town in José Carreras, who also tried out Werther first in America (San Francisco, October, 1978, reviewed on this page), is not yet her equal. The vocal line who takes all the decisions and they are generally the wrong ones. "Yous se savez rien de was too bumpy to begin with, notes were sought out when they should have arrived easily, and Carreras let the temperature of the evening existence, in the first act. She drop in the second act, the most difficult section of the opera. simultaneously encourages and repulses him, and as she reads his cry of solitude in Act III—

and consists of 11 numbers and a finale, with interlinking recitative. With Mozart, we argue over whether the opera is comic or tragic, or at least whether comedy may embody momentous issues. Gazzaniga raises no such questions. His Giovanni disports himself as freely as Mozart's and a good deal more successfully. But we are asked to feel no sympathy for the women he deceives. When Elvira and Macurina (the peasant girl, equivalent of Zerlica) have a violent jealous quarrel, it is entirely for our amusement. Anna, the central feminine figure in Mozart's opera, whose desire for ven-geance chiefly motivates the plot, disappears to a convent after the first scene of Gazzaniga's. The most interesting of the women here is Donna ballet on the subject. But enter-Ximena, Giovenni's latest tainment, not penetrating innamorata but one from whom

he is readily diverted. For this Giovanni is a charmconvitato di pietra, the thirty- ing tenor philanderer, not a fifth of his 47 operas, was com- demonic baritone; we are not posed for Venice, is in one act invited to speculate on the

But there were compensations in plenty: elegant handling of psychology of compulsive womanizing. In fact we are not invited to speculate on anything so jolly is the libretto, so light the music, that the human issues underlying the hoary old plot hardly obtrude. Gazzaniga's score is skilfully written, vivacious, slenderly orchestrated (he uses only strings, oboes and borns), limited in its harmonic vocabulary, often appealing in its melody—Giovanni has a pleasently lyrical aria, and Elvira's second has some expressive writing. The The Commendatore expires to telling harmony; Pasquariello shivers to chilly violin sextuplets when the statue nods; and Giovanni descends to the flames to dramatic music that recalls Gluck's much earlier

drama, was Gazzaniga's aim. To be duly entertaining, the opera needs to move rapidly; and the principal weakness of Opera Viva's performance on Monday lay in its ponderous talent and genius.

In them he had a formidable the Air de la Lettre, sung with the love duet, excellent diction and a final willingness to re-spond to the passion, and in-deed the vein of romantic melancholy, which Davis and von Stade breathed into the

The subsidiary roles are ungrateful. Jonathan Summers made Albert a lumpish and unperceptive figure, which is quite in character; Isobel Buchanan pipped out Sophie's music neatly, although she is not a natural soubrette; Robert Island ages as admirably self-Lloyd was an admirably self-

satisfied Bailli.

John Copley's sympathetic production is stronger on the seasons than in suggesting rural Germany of 200 years ago. But then it could be argued that Massenet himself was scarcely an habitué of Goethe's Wetzlar.

pace. The conductor Timothy Dean, however, showed some sympathy for the idiom. If Vernon 'Mound's production had more than a touch of coarseness, it would be wrong to protest too much in view of the character of the libretto; this English version admittedly makes more than the most of it, but even the crude byplay in the supper scene is largely implied in the original. Giovanni was sung with a

pleasing lyricism by Gary Bennett, and Christopher Webber made a suitably broad Pasquariello, his acting falling somewhere in the hinterland herween Geraint Evans and Groucho Marx. There was some charming singing from Jane Bolam as Ximena, and Tania Croft-Murray made a good deal of Elvira. A fascinating evening, then, mildly for the opera itself, but substantially for what it told us about the workings of Mozart's and Da Ponte's minds, and for its clarification of the distinction between

The Club

Hampstead

Irving Wardle It happens that playwrights are often put on their mettle by sporting subjects, and that is certainly true of David Williamson's study of boardroom politics in a Melbourne football club. Appearing in London three years after its Sydney premiere, this Nimrod Theatre production offers fast, aggressive playing of a text carrying not en ounce of superfluous fat: Williamson writes from the

popular position of a football enthusiast who sees the game falling into the hands of big business but canny strategist that he is, he does not show his hand immediately; and for its first, and furniest act, The Club seems to have it in for everyone except the players. In Tom Bannerman's shiny plastic committee room, ringed with portraits of the club's past heroes, a blazing row is in progress between the president and the coach who has publicly criticized him over the purchase of a star player who has helped them to lose their last five games. As a rule, nothing five games. As a rule, nothing tires the ear sooner than prolonged slanging matches, but that one is blissfully funny: thanks partly to the Australian combination of brutally plain speech within the rules of social status; and partly to the author's comic understanding of

author's comic understanding of blinding rage.

"How's June?" thundered the president on avrival.

"Sick". "Great", he roars, making for the mini-bar.

What the play presents is not a committee meeting but a decisive power struggle fought out in advance between the club's key members who also

club's key members, who also include a weasely career administrator, a vice-president gun-ning for the top job, and the offending star who wanders on at half-time to bestow a disdainful meer on the company's

engagement in "these little power battles". At the time, you feel like agreeing with him, having ard about President Ted's drinking habits and witnessed the smiling treacheries of the

administrator and the bullying hypocrisies of Jock, the vice-president. Even Laurie, the coach, adds to the general spectacle of farcical turpitude by accepting secrets in confidence and instantly spilling the

However, those sardonic fun and games start turning serious in the second act, when events begin to close in on the characters, sorving them out morally. Thus, the unspeakable Ted gets a measure of sympathy when he is driven to resign after tampering with a stripper. He may only be a meatoie manufacturer, but he meatpie manufacturer, but he loved the game. There is no sympathy for Jock, and the administrators who have hatched the plot against him. And when Laurie finally coaxes the erring star into playing the game, you can always the halo round his almost see the halo round his head.

All this is efficiently plotted; but some of it verges plotted: but some of it verges on boy scout uplift, and the sardonic comedy—including a desperate pot-smoking episode—is often strained. It is thanks to John Bell's production that those amount to only minor distractions in a generally attention-gripping evening. The company of five are so thoroughly in command of character that they can push it to ter that they can push it to farcical excess or drop to quiet naturalism without the smallest loss of grip.

loss of grip.

Barry Lovett. as the bellowing sacrificial victim, offers the showiest performance; but in quality, it is fully matched by the sly smiles of Jeff Ashby, Ron Haddrick's hollow, swaggering Jock, and Ron Graham's obstinately honest coach, a part endowed with fewer gag lines than most. A fine play, and another blazing demonstraand another blazing demonstration of Australian acting.

Heartaches of an English Pussycat Old Vic

Ned Chaillet

The feline regionality in Peines de coeur d'une chatte anglaise is not very important, after all. Although the beartaches are those of an "English pussy-cat", they are taken by Geneviève Serreau from a story by Balzac and are turned into such a sentimental satire by the Group TSE of Paris that it is something of a relief to keep

the dialogue at a Gallic distance. There are remarkable qualities in the production, most notably the masks by Rostilav Doboujinsky which arimate an entire menagerie of animals dressed in human clothes. Thus there is a hopping peacock who flusties a fan instead of his tail and a fox dressed in a military uniform. There is particularly Beauty, the white pussyeat whose romantic misadventures point up the fabrics. It is vanities of human relation- more words.

ships, and there is the skill of the actors who inhabit the comunies.

All such qualities, and the misty, evocative sets by Emilio Carceno, have brought accisim to the company—which is Argentinian and not French in Edinburgh and on the Countrieut, When I first saw them at the Edinburgh Festival. I most admired the curtain call and on a second viewing

that remains the case.
It is not simply a mild relief that the event has come to an end, but also because it is an unusually interesting curtain cell, right to the final removal of the masks. I wish I had enjoyed the rest as much.

All the subdued glamour and formal sentimentality of the exquisite dancing animals—for they do dauce, and a dog plays viola rather well and all the murky lighting that is meant to suggest mood are less than dramatic. It is rather like a museum of costume where the lights are rarely turned on because they might harm the fabrics. It is too pretty for any

Them and Us BBC 1

Michael Church

There may just be time for an enterprising cleaner to scoop up the ingredients for a really funny programme from the Panorama cutting-room floor. As everyone knows, profes-sional conferences are primarily the pretext for a joyful escape from spouse and home, and behavioural scientists are richly comic creatures. Lock them all up in a secluded baronial hall,

give them a shake or two, and you may end up with something as funny as Donkey's Years. As it happened, both begin-ning and end of Them and Us bore a suspicious resemblance to ATV's triumphantly hilarious version of Michael Frayn's play but, in between, Panorama's seekers after truth seemed to lose their way. Incidental ironies apart, they took their "specially designed" project more or less at face value. Faithfully record the commerce of nine Of minutes accions of nine 90-minute sessions between real managers and real shopfloor workers, and the hidden springs of industrial conflict shall be revealed.

viewers who were surprisedand go to the bottom of the class. How shall those springs be dried up? Easy, don't pour money into lame-duck industries, spend it on works holidays in beronial hells.

silicon chip, the lack of "dig-

nity" at work. Hands up those

By the fourth day some participants were beautifully socialized ("Roger worries me. He's still creating we and they attitudes") while others were developing astral yearnings ("We've run out of feelings—is there enother place we can is there enother plane we can go to?"). Only the behavioural scientists seemed ungrateful: we glimpsed them staggering lugubriously towards a groan-ing drinks table and muttering

darkly about the participants' emotional "violence". Somebow all those too-real problems of the outside world were reduced to a cosy scale: nice, intelligent people like these could deal with implacable economic hostilities in comfortably traditional terms. At one stage in the genially verbose proceedings mention was made of the body politic lying unnoticed in its cot, and of the baby politic throwing food in its mother's face. Perconflict shall be revealed.

And what were those springs? message. The body is dead!

Money, class prejudice, the Long live the baby politic!

BBC SO/Pritchard Festival Hall/Radio 3

William Mann

John Princhard's return to this country, after some years abroad, as the new regular guest conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, is in itself welcome, more so for what he has learnt on his travels and can pass on to us here. In Monday's BBC Concert on the South Bank, bowever, he recalled the Prit-chard we knew of old, Glynde-bourne's stylish Mozartian and Liverpool's champion of new music, as something exciting for adventurous ears and minds.

Peter Maxwell Davies's Second Taverner Fantasia, which occupied the first half of the concert, was first con-ducted by Pritchard, but in his later LPO days. That performance, a great event in my musical life, remains green in I hope). It was followed by a useful and fine record of the work, but by few public performances.

To some listeners the music edged. is now quite familiar, but not to orchestras-it is sad that our orchestras dare not recognize and push a masterpiece when they hear one, as happened with Elgar's First Symphony; the comparison is apt.
In a better world all our

orchestras would be familiar with the second Taverner fantasy by now. The BBC Orchestra was still exploring it in this performance, even granted the superior leadership of the expedition's guide. The provoking.

musical argument, serious, was diligently un-folded: the right notes needed to be articulated and balanced with a conviction doubtless at Pritchard's command, but not yet within the mastery of the

orchestra.

If only they would play it twice a month, for a year or so, a sense of particular style would develop, such as all orchestras reckon to learn for, say, Strauss and Mozart. Max-well Davies's piece remains a thrilling, sober experience, the more so since the symphony to which it led, and of whose title it is also worthy: a dramatic experience too, as might be expected of a study for an opera.

Davies has long been concerned with holiness and sacrilege. The Taverner second fantasy, with its caricature sections and Bruckner-like grand melodious paragraphs, cries it aloud. There is a purely musical the memory (for many others, parallel in Mozart's Requient, performed after the interval; the contradictions enly begin when Süssmayr's contribution to Mozart has been acknowl-

The style of the music, looking forwards and backwards. and even sideways to Zauberflöte, already sets fancy in operation, unless the glory of a performance obliges one to forget everything else. Prit-chard's account was stylish, blessed with a marvellous solo quartet, Margaret Marshall, Anne Murray, Anthony Rolfe-Johnson, and John Tomlinson. yet more reverent than revolurionary, rherefore less thought-

No charge for visits to doctors or for staying in hospital

House of Commons
Government election pledges not to
introduce charges for visits to
doctors or patients in hospitals
would be honoured, the Prime
Minister assured MPs at question

decision will be taken:

Mrs Thatcher—Mr throws I cannot undertae
out any reductions in
penditure before they Mr Jack Strew (Blackburn, Lab) Mr Jack Strew (Blackburn, Lab)
asked:—Does Mrs Thatther agree
with the indications of the Chief
Secretary to the Treasury (Mr
John Biffen) that prescription
charges might be 70p, and there
may possibly be hospital charges?
Is the Government seeking cuts
of £2,000m from next April? Does
Mr Biffen's promise of three years
of unparalleled austerity mean
there is no prospect of any rise in
living standards at least until
1983?

Mrs Thatcher—I saw Mr Biffen's remarks at the weekend. Of course we are seeking further reductions in expenditure in the year 1980-81 for the reason that already we are having to borrow far too much to meet existing expenditure and it is the level and amount of borrowing which is causing high interest rates which we want to get down. We are looking for expenditure reductions in "many places and departments. The £2,000m would include a substantial reduction fur the European budget.

Mr James Callaghan. Leader of the Mr James Callaghan. Leader of the Mr James Callaghan. Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff South-East, Lab)—Mr Straw asked a specific question about the National Health Service because Mr Biffen has specificatly said the Government was considering charges on prescriptions as well as charging for visits to doctors and hospitals. She should assure us that whatever

Mrs Thatcher—Mr Callaghan knows I cannot undertake to spell our any reductions in public ex-penditure before they are made. We must seek reductions in that expenditure. Mr Callaghan can be sure of our pledge given during the election that we shall keep up expenditure on the NHS will be maintained. maintained.

Mr Callaghan, who was holding a newspaper clipping, said—As she refers to the election pledge to keep up NHS expenditure, Mrs Thatther said on April 18 at Beeston that they would not inroduce such charges. She said:

"It is clear there are no plans to make people pay to visit their doctor and no plans to introduce hotel charges for those people in hospital." Will she repeat that pledge new? hospital." Will she repeat that pledge new?

Mrs Thatcher—With regard to: these two specific things—charges for staving in hospital and for visits to doctors, I gave specific pledge during the election about pledges during the election about these. These charges will not be introduced.

Mr Callaghan—In that case, will Mrs Thatcher please send a copy of what she said at Beeston to the Chief Secretary of the Treasury to avoid him getting into any more trouble when he auswers Mrs Thatcher-I hope Mr Biffen will not need to consist the Financial Times or any other paper about what is said. I gave my riews during the election, and these views I stick to.

Plenty of scope for higher productivity in steel

asked—Has Mrs Thatcher seen the recent document published by the CBL entitled Jobs Facing the Future, which stated that by 1975 output per worker in France. Germany and Belging was 50 per cert many and Belgium was 50 per cent higher than Britain, and even in Italy it was 20 per cent higher. Mrs Thatcher, should continue to make that point when people press for higher wage claims.

Mrs Thatcher : All sides in the steel Mrs Thatcher: All sloes in the steel dispute accept there is plenty of scope for higher productivity. I seat both of them back to negotiate together because only the people concerned in the industry an sort out the the problems within the financial restraints. Mr Eric Varley, Chief Opposition pokesman on employment (Cheserfield, Lab)—As Mrs Thatcher believes in the ability to pay, how does she expect was worken

AR sides in the steel dispute that Mr Variey might even sup-accepted there was room for in-creased productivity, the Prime Minister said during questions.

Wr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood. Mr Robert McCrindle (Beentwood, and Ongar, C)—Has Mrs Thatcher been impressed by the difference of opinion between the leaders of the trade unions and trade unions. ists about the provisions of the Employment Bill before the Bouse. in the light of the seeming supsuch matters as secondary picket-ing, the closed shop, and the like, from ordinary trade unionists, will the Government feel fortified in pursuing this essentially moderate measure? Mrs Thatcher-1 saw the survey. I agree that the vast majority of people including the vast majority of trade unionists, are wholly behind us in the Employment Bill. We shall press forward with it as

fast as we can. Widespread secondary picketing in the steel strike underlined the importance of the Government's Employment Bill designed to re-strict privileged picketing, Mr Patrick Mayhew, Under Socretary

Barking explosion inquiry

recommendations Miss Josephine Richardsom (Barking, Leb) who had raised the metter in a private notice question, said: The fact that my constituents here this matter with such fortitude does not mean they will for-get it. They remain seriously alarmed and feel there should be a

public inquiry into how it started.

The Health and Safety Executive should be reminded that there are

Mr Patrick Mayhew, Under Secre- Mr Mayhew-As to the question of mant about the explosions on Thames View estate, Barking, last continuing.

As soon as the investigation by the Health and Safety Executive have already embarked in the Health and Safety Executive have already embarked on an inquiry into that and the findings will be made public. That is the right course to be adopted. The proximity of dangerous onto the Health and Safety Executive and no doubt this will be one of the matter than the result of the executive and no doubt this will be one of the matter. ters they will have reg Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Edge Hill, L)—As chemicals stored on this site are prope to react vio-lently when treated with water, were the fire brigade aware before last night's incident whether the chemicals stored there were prous to react in that way? Mr Mayhew—The nature of the chemicals customarily stored there were known to the Factories Insfar too many factories around this pectorate. I am not aware who country sited much too near to their nature was immediately populated residential areas. known by the fire brigade. pectorate. I am not aware whether

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An appeal for cooperation: reasonable level of wages would improve chances of coming through recession

sonable lever, the behar the chance of coming through the present recession without severe damage, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said. He appealed to both sides of industry to

Mr David Winnick (Welsall, North, Lab) had asked what changes the Secretary of State ex-pected in the unemployment level in 1980. Mr Prior (Lowestoft, C)—Figures published today by my department regrettably show an upward trend in the level of unemployment. Our in the level of unemployment. Our success in reducing the level of unemployment will depend on the shifty of our industry to respond to changes in consumer demand at a time of rapid innovation and keen price competition.

Mr Winnick.—In view of these latest deplorable figures, is it not about time he stood up to the monetarist fanatics in the Cabinet whose policies can only ensure that we return to the same unemployment, misery and deprivation of the pre-war years? Mr Prior—Regarding monetarist policy, the figures for last January

Mr John Dormand (Essington, Lab)—When the Labour Govern-ment, was in office, none of the reasons given at that time for un-employment were acceptable to the present Government Front Bench, particularly the present Prime Minister. Minister.

What is so different about the measures that this Government proposes which will bring it down to an acceptable level? Mr Prior—I presume he accepts the measures taken by the previous Government in office were not succossful. The manher of unem-ployed more than doubled during that period of office.

One of the problems we face is that we start this particular world recession with a far higher level of memployment than any other

tion.
Mr Prior—Upemployment is bound to go up. I would say to management and unions that the more they control their wages to a reasonable level, the more chance we have of coming through this recession without severe damage. I appeal to all sides of industry to cooperate.

Mr Fames Hamilton (Rothus)! Mr James Hamiton (Bothwell, Lab)—The policy of the Govern-ment, bearing in mind their pro-jected cats in public expenditure, will further aggravate the situa-Will be reconsider the decision

authorities?
Her Prior—There is a world problem and I think it is going to be
serious for all advanced countries.

Just as experienced in 1976 after
the IMF outs were imposed by the
previous Government, that unemployment only started to fall, so
the prerequisite to getting anemployment down will be a better if we can produce the goods at the right price, of the right quality, at the right time, we can stop importing a lot of goods and stop importing other peoples' un-employment.

Unemployment was bound to go up but the more management and unions controlled wages to a reasonable level, the better the chance of coming through the present recession without severe damage, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State of the property of the most damaging thing to unemployment.

If Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L)—
Employment is a means to an end
rather than an end in itself. It is
time to talk about full groductivity
rather than full employment. Then
we ought to say that the labour
force available is too large to work
40 hours a week until a man is 65
and a woman 60, and do something
about reducing the size of the
labour force or the hours of work. labour force or the hours of work.

Mr Prior—Until we get productivity right and we are producting more efficiently only then will it be correct to start talking in terms of a shorter working life and perhaps a shorter working week.

The trouble about the British, and I am not saying this in a derogatory sense—it applies to everyone in this House—is that we are ambitious for the things, we want today without perhaps actually getting the work dose first.

Mr Emmand Bulmer (Kiddenminster, C)—Can be estimate the number of jobs that will be lost this year, particularly as a consequence of the pay claims accepted

Mr Prior-The high level of carnings last winter has been a contributory factor in the rate of inflation this year. It is the high rate of inflation, which is so damaging to Mr Eric Variey, chief Opposition spokesman for employment (Chesterfield, Lab)—In the nine months that he has been Secretary of State for Employment, can he tell us how many jobs he has eaved and how many jobs he has helped so create.

Mr Prier No. Nor would I be so conceited as a minister to believe that that lay entirely within mypowers.
Mr Variey — He has arrapped Labour's job help programme and dismantied some of the training programme. It is time that he started using his minority voice against some of the mad monetarist policies of his colleagues in the Cabinet. Mr Prier-On this great cry

against monetarism, when I salk to people outside the House they believe that the sort of monetary policies we are following are simi-lar to those followed by the last

Prolonged steel strike serious for British industry

The cost to British industry of a prolonged steel strike could well be serious insteed, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, said.

He added—It would be serious for this country also if, after the taxpayer will have found something like £4.500m to help British Steel become competitive, the British steel workers and British Steel management failed to reach a settlement which enables the steel-workers to earn more by higher productivity and the steel industry to become competitive again.

productivity and the steel industry to become competitive again.

Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, North East, C) was answering questions by Mr John Shirin, chief Opposition spokesman on industry, on Government discussions with the steel unions and R5C management. Mr Silkin (Lewisham, Deptford, Lab)...Does he still stick to his rigid and inflexible timetable? If he does, and if he is still rigid on the finance available, what on earth can Acas do? What flexibility have they to bring the sides together? How, in the light of that, does he expect to see a together? How, in the figur of that, does he expect to see a settlement reached?

In the interest of the steel-workers the Government believes it is in the interest of the steel-workers themselves; axpayers and the whole country. The question

Mr Silkin—What is the point of Acas meeting if they have no room for manocovre at all? Sir Keith Joseph—It is not for me to justify what Acas decide. I the British Steel management and the steelworkers but the decisions are entirely for Acas. hir John Osborn (Sheffield, Hallam, C)—What contact has the minister had with British inde-pendent steel producers about the private - sector being drawn into the strike? Sir Keith Joseph—All MPs will have seen the statement by the British Independent Steel Pro-ducers Association yesterday, explaining the serious damage to individual firms, possibly terminal damage to some, which would be done if the strike spread to them. Mr Donald Coleman (Neath, Lab)

Will be instruct BSC to reallocate the funds available from
the Government? The purpose of
allocating this money should be
to provide for the health of the
industry, not its redundancy.

on Acas is not for me or for the Secretary of State for Employ-ment. Acas is an independent body. I have no way of telling when a settlement will be reached. pute going.

Sir Keith Joseph—No. It is not in the interests of the steel-workers, the industry or taxpayers to make taxpayers money available for pay increases in the steel industry. the tangager has been asked to provide, on top of the £4,000m already provided, an additional £450m next year to help nowards investment and working capital and choure redundancy costs.

This is fair to the tangager because it was the decision of previous governments of both parties which led to the expansion of the industry and which has proved to be over optimistic. So it is reasonable that the industry should be helped by the taxpayer to contract in a humane way. should be helped by the taxpayer to contract in a humane way.

That justifies the contribution towards closure redundancy costs but it is not reasonable to ask the already heavily burdened taxpayer to meet carnings increases which the steelworkers can find by higher productivity on the way to becoming competitive.

Sir Keith Joseph said later—What is clear is that it is not so much the amount of money at issue between the parties but where the extra estimas are to come the extra estrings are to come from. Should they come from the taxpayer, as the unions suggest,

me steelworkers themselves?
Mr Rey Hughes (Newport, Lab)—
Has the Secretary of State noted the advice of Mr Scholer of the Steel Corporation that the Government chapted and instance of the steel control of the steel control of the steel of ment should not intervene in the dispute? Mr Scholey has presided over a loss of £1,000m in the past three years. Would it not be a good idea if the Secretary of State were, to take the advice of the Wales TUC and put in a caretaker management to correction the Conmanagement to organize the con-Sir Keith Joseph-British Steel management has inherited a difficult task and I do not think a caretaker management is at all a Mr. Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C)—Was there any dis-cussion with the steel workers' leaders about the effects of picketing on factories not con-cerned in the steel dispute? Sir Keith Joseph—No, I do not think that subject came up in the presentation by the steel union leaders. They chose the subjects they wanted to discuss with us and pur their own points of view. Mr Cycll Smith (Rochdale, L)—Since the Secretary of State is seeking a humane way in which

the steel industry can contract, why is it more humane that workers in British Steel should have to break even by 1980 while steel storkers in other parts of Europe do not have so break even until 1981? wen until 1981?
What part is the Secretary of State for Employment (Mr James Prior) playing in this? Is this a new way of conducting industrial relations—that the Secretary of State for Industry is more involved than the Secretary of State for Employment when we are dealing with strikes?

Sir Keith Inspect. I deamy with strikes;

Sir Keith Joseph—I am hovolved because I am accountable to the House for the nationalized British steel industry. Mr Smith's assemption is totally wrong, Half the German steel industry is already back in profit and the whole of the Durch industry.

Mir Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forces, C)—In view of the effect Mir Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C)—in view of the effect of an extension of the strike into the private sector, did the Secretary of State in his discussions suggest that a belloc of the work-force should take place before the weekend and before this damaging strike takes place?

Str Keith Joseph—No. Decisions about whether or not to have a ballot are for the nation leaders and members and managements contented.

PM writes to Olympic committee about site

The Prime Minister said she would be writing to the British Olympic committee asking it to seek an alternative site for the Olympics and offering to help stage certain events in Britain.

Mr Archibeld Hamilton (Epsom and Ewell, C) urged at question time that Mrs Thatcher should reply to President Carter's proposal for bolding the Olympics in other places from Moscow and put forward, cites narriv or wholly, in forward sites, partly or wholly, in

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Frinchley, C)—I shall be replying to the letter which President Carter sent to me indicating the action he was taking with regard to the United States Olympic commit-Later today, I shall be writing to

our own Olympic sommittee ask-ing it to seek an alternative site through the International Olympic committee, and offering to hold certain events in this country, (Loud Conservative cheers.) (iLoud Conservative cheers.)

Mr John Bruce-Gardyne (Knutsford, C)—Mrs Thatcher should find time to look at the activities of the Export Credit Guarantees Department. This body is as happy as a sand fly promoting credits paid for by the British taxpayer for the provision of feed grains to Poland which could go straight through to the Soviet Union and circumvent the ban President Carter has imposed on feed grain sales to the Soviet Union. This needs urgent attention.

Mrs Thatcher—We wish to support Mrs Thatcher—We wish to support President Carter in the stand he has taken and his measures with regard to Sovier action in Afghanistan: If what Mr Bruce-Gardyne has said is true, I will get the Secretary of State for Trade (Me Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Nott) to look into it. Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—Mrs Thatcher should register a protest with the Soviet Government concerning the arrest of Mr Andrel Saktiarov est-

Mrs Thatcher—We heard the news on the radio. We have no further information than that. The Government takes a very serious view of this and we will almost certainly

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 3.50: Debets on Merris: report on national health service. House of Lords

What a difference a day makes

callor of the Duchy of Esmeaster and Leader of the House, amounced that the Budget would be postponed for a day from March 25 to Wednesday, March 26.

He said he was pleased to make this ecumenical announcement. It gave him great pleasure to recon-cile Canterbury and Westminster. Mr Michael Foot, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab), said he welcomed this minor more eagerly to some major ones. Mr Michael Morris (Northampton, South, C)—Why was the statement made first on the national news with a reaction from the Archbishop. Can be ensure that before dates are confirmed for major maional events, the various parties-rates to their diaries beforehand? Mr St John-Stevas—The Chancel-lor of the Exchequer was well aware of the clash of dates but he had to reconcile them as bear he could. (Loud interruptions and

He makes no claim to infailibility in these matters. It is a sign of strength rather than of weakness

for a minister to respond constructively to reasonable objections:
Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Rozburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—Surely the Leader of the House in responsible for the business of the House and not the Chancellor of the Enchequer. I thank him for responding far more graciously to this today than he seemed to do when Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-on-Tweed, L) raised this lest Thursday, Some of us had already made our dispositions elsewhere for that day.
Mr St John-Sievas—I was not aware I was ungracious to Mr Beith. I pay tribute to his perspicacity became he was the only person as well as the Chancellor of the son as well as the Chancellor of the Exchaquer and myself who seemed aware of this clash. aware of this clash.

Me Mark Hinghes on to the Chancellor of the Exchequer the imple that pertained to March 26 when it was New Year's Day prior to 1582: "Saints and simners go their way; even dogs they have their day."

Mr St John-Stevas—I will not respond on behalf of the sinners or the dogs but the saints all rejoice. (Laughter.)

. The rigidity of the BSC in their insistence in allocating this money

Heavy responsibility on Mr Mugabe

the Opposition front bench. He was speaking on the Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe) (Elections and Appointments) and the Southern Rhodesia (Legal Proceedings and Public Liabilities).

Lord Trefgarne, Lord in Waiting. moving the first order, said that Rhodesian relations with her neighbours were being restored and many countries were sending representatives to Sansbury. A heavy responsibility rested on Mr Mugabe to release the detainees in his hands forthwith. All the parties at Lancaster House had entered into a solemn undertaking, before the whole world, not to impede progress.

not to impede progress.

Lord Soames, the Governor, had made glant strides towards achieving the necessary conditions for free and fair elections. There would be no respite for him over the next few weeks but if all parties compiled strictly with the agreements signed at Lancaster House, the prospect for bringing Rhodesia to a peaceful sertlement was promising.

Lord Gozonwy-Roberts said that considerable progress had been made in Rhodesia since Lancaster House. He ioined the minister in It was intolerable that while they

were doing their best to meet demands for the fullest, freest and fairest elections, some of the people who had been making those demands were themselves exercising restraint on some detainees. What possible objection could there be to instructing the Government of South Africa to remove their forces and to replace them with, possibly, a mixed Rhodesian and Commonwealth force, to guard the bridge, thus removing an exa-cerbating element from an other-wise steadily improving Zimbabwe Lord Gladwyn (L) said that it was possible that Lord Soumes had done his best to get these foreign troops removed, but if so, he had not been very successful. Lord Duncan-Sandys (C) said that

strictly the arrangements agreed at Lancaster House the Governor

conditions it was in his power to implement had been implemental. He hoped that in one way or another it would be possible to ensure the security of the bridge without having to rely on South African troops.

African troops.

The detainees were people who to a large extent had been specially selected because they were politically important and so could play a politically important part in the elections. This was a clear, unmistakable infringement of what was agreed at the Lancaster House conference.

An ultimanum should be sent immediately to Mr Mugabe to say that the detainees had to be released.

released.

They should be released immediately before Mr Mugabe was permitted to return to Rhodesia to take part in the elections. He was due to return on Sunday, so there was little time to be lost. Lord Wigg (Lab) said that over the past few months the forces of General Walls had carried out operations deep inside Zambia and Mozambiqua with the help of South African helicopters piloted by South African officers wearing

by South African officers wearing Rhodesian uniforms. The situation was comparable to what happened during the Spanish Civil War when German and Italian pilots flew General Franco's

Lord Trefgarue, replying, said that the Governor had released all those held under ministerial orders, commonly, but not necess-arily accurately, referred to as political prisoners. A number held for some offences under martial law were retained.
Their cases were being reviewed.
Their release would depend on the
effectiveness of the coasefire.

Mr Mugabe, they understood, in-tended to return to Rhodesis shortly. The Government was not necessarily saying that he could not return if the detainees he held were not released, but very much hoped that they would be released. The Government was in contact with him about it. The problem of South African orces should be kept in perspecforces should be kept in perspec-tive. A small contingent was there specifically to defend a bridge which was a vital lifeline not only for Rhodesia but for countries to the north.

A monitoring force team was in the vicinity of Beit Bridge and the South African force would not be used to interfere in Rhodesian affairs.

Talks to be held on judgment on blacking

There was a need to restrict the very wide interpretation on black-ing deriving from the record House of Lords' judgment, Mr Patrick Maybew; Under Secretary for Employment (Royal Tumbridge Wells, C), said during questions. Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C) asked Mr Prior whether, in view of the House of Lords' judgment in Express Newspapers Limited versus McShane and Another, he intended to bring forward any

blacking. blacking.

Mr Mayhew—The judgment has interpreted the Labour Government's legislation in a way in which, when in opposition, we foresaw and warned against.

We are considering what changes are needed to protect from blacking and other forms of secondary action employers and employees who may be far away from the dispute, and we shall shortly be consulting.

Mr Price—In view of his reply, and

Mr Price—In view of his reply and the fact that the House of Lords rejected the Court of Appeal's con-cept of remoteness in blacking matters, will be take advantage of the Employment Bill coming before Parliament to ensure there is some limit on how far from the point of dispute blacking can be carried out?

Mr Maybew-We are clear there is a need to restrict the now very wide effect of interpretation that derives from the House of Lords' judgment and the route to that objective which Mr Price has suggested is one of the routes we are considering considering.

Mr Leslie Huckfleid (Nuneaton Lab)—Since the test of what con-stitutes action in furtherance of a trade dispute was clearly intended to be subjective in the 1906 Trade Disputes Act, the 1976 Act and in the recent House of Lords' judg-ment, why does he not leave it as it is?

one means by which it is open to the Government, in the interests of employees as well as employers who may be very far from the dispute originating the action, to restrict that immunity.

Mr Nicholas Budgeon (Wolver-Until this Government is prepared to bite on the builet and say that the closed shop shall be file-gal, no effective action will be taken against any form of second-ary picketing or blacking. Mr Mayhew—He is right in pointing to the significance that the closed shop has in the effectiveness of secondary picketing.

I do not agree that it would be practical or wise to make the cosed shop illegal.

Controls on dangerous substances

The House of Lords approved the Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) Regulations 1980 which Lord Trefgarue, Lord in Waiting, said would implement an EEC directive and, among other things, ban the use of certain dangerous substances, including those with a flashpoint below 55 degrees Celsius in decorative lights known as "glitter lamps".

The regulations would also bear The regulations would also ban the use of a carcinogenic substance known as "tris" in any textile intended to come in contact with the skin or in any child's dressing

The Papua New Guinca, Western Samoa and Nauru (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was read the third time and passed. House adjourned, 3.17 pm.

Minister scorns controls that failed to contain price rises

Reports of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission naming companies would be made available to the companies concerned 24 hours before they were published. Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Attairs, sail when moving a new clause at the report stage of the Competition. Bill.

It was unreasonable, she said, to publish reports about firms without giving them sufficient advance warning to enable them to reply to inquiries from the gress.

The clause was agreed to.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Under Secretary for Trade, moved a further clause to provide for more satisfaire.

clause to provide for more estis-factory statutory cover for the grants-in-sid to the Nazional Con-somer Council and the Nazional Association of Citizens Advice-The clause was agreed to.

The clause was agreed to.

Mr John Sankh, chief Opposition spokesman on trade, moved a new clause providing that the Secretary of State could modify a provision in the BM dealing with investigations of prices in order to restrain inflation, or to enable price or interest rate charges to be investigated.

An order under the new clause could contain provisions to restrain, freeze or reduce prices or other money charges.

He said that the new clause and

He said that the new clause and others being considered with it was an attempt to put something into the Rill to do something about the problem of rapidly rising inflation.

Since the Government had come to power, inflation had risen from 10.1 to 17.2 per cent. The sad truth was that the Government appeared to have no counter-inflationary strategy whatsoever. Any doubt the House might have about the general trend of the Government's policy on counter-inflation must have been removed by the Secretary of State for Energy's aunouncement last week on the rise in gas and electricity prices. They were the most savage increases in energy prices ever proposed to the House. increasing price inflation by these decialous.

There was all the more need for protection for the public against the rapidly accelerating price inflation. Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak; C) said the Price Commission was an anachronism and did little to keep down prices during Labour's period of office when there were the biggest increases in Britain since the Black Death.

Some companies spent over £350,000 in answering the case that the commission put to them,

and what was the outcome? The commission could only hold back reality for a month or two.

Realism was the only thing that would bring inflation down. commission could only hold back reality for a month or two.

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Miss Betty Boothroyd (West Bromwich, West, Lab) said it was nor possible to obtain the evidence of

Fig. 1. Lab) said that under the Price Commission there was a considerable degree of control over the off companies. The Commission could call for facts and figures from the companies and fieldy price increases. This mattered to the consumer.

Ineffective though the Price Commission was it was better than the present situation where virtually every week the oil companies got together and said what are we going to charge these muss now had friends in government that allowed them to do exactly what they liked. met that allowed them to do ex-actly what they liked.

Brewers were exactly the same.
They had had to answer to the.
Price Commission and give facts
and figures about their profit
margins and increasing costs. Inadequate though this was it was
better than allowing them to do
ment that allowed them to do ex-Mr Gwilym Roberts (Cannock, Lab) said although the Price Com-mission was often ineffective it did act as a deterrent. The public

was rapidly coming to the conclusion that this Government did not care two hoots what happened to infludou. Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab) said with inflation going to a rate of 20 per cent the country needed the Price Commission. At a time when the Government sought wage restraint the marker allowed manu-facturers to do what they wanted. Mr Donald Dewar (Glasgow, Garsment's policy was to let prices rip in a large number of sectors. To say it was bolding down inflation was nothing short of hypocrisy. Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs (Gloucester, C), said Labour MPs had expressed concern about the effects of present levels of inflation on the most vulnerable people in society. She shared that consumer

The kind of levels of inflation over the last five-and-a-half years had devastating effects in social and economic terms, but they did not start oine months ago.

The Opposition wanted the Gov-The Opposition wanted the Government to perpetuate the failed policy it pursued and in the new clause it wanted the Government to go even further than it did. The Government did not need any lessons from the Opposition. The only lesson to be learnt from failure was what not to do.

We are (she said) rejecting their race controls and their Price Com-

we are (see said) rejecting free; price controls and their Price Com-mission which failed. They were damaging, futile and expensive, Such price controls do not work, and cannot work. At best they can create short-term flusions and the reality is all the harder when it comes through. At worst it can do great darm.

The proposed gas price increases were large and nobody liked putting up prices, especially in an area of family expenditure which was aiready sensitive. The increases were being phased in, first in two stages this year and subsequently over the next two years. If there was to be a rational strategy for energy conservation the uneconomic price of gas could not continue.

The Government was slowing down the rate at which pricts would rise in a free market. If that market was entirely free gas prices would be moving higher and faster because oil prices, to which they were linked, had risen by 100 per cent over the past 12 months. Urgent consideration was being given to possible ways of helping the poorest consumers to meet rising energy costs. This must come out of public funds.

ing energy costs. This must come out of public funds.

Part of the extra profits that would be made would go back to the Exchequer and part would be for investment in the gas industry. If we are to defeat inflation (she said) we will only do so by facing reality and not by dodging decisions, not by attempting to disguise our energy problems which have existed for a long dime and which were positively ignored by the last Government.

Conservatives were just as concerned about prices as Labour MPs, but the Government's approach differed from Labour's in that it was realistic and likely to succeed. The Government believed in tackling the root cause of inflation.

in tackling the root cause of infla-tion and preventing it from hap-pening, and not in trying to fiddle ie short-term effects.
The Government had never
that competition alone the short-term effects the short-term effects.

The Government had never claimed that competition alone could overcome inflation. Strengthened competition, of which this Bill was the first step, with a realistic Incomes policy, would provide the most effective long-term solution.

Mr John Fraser, for the Opposition (Lambeth, Norwoud, Lab) said that by abolishing the Price Commission and price control, and by abandowing price investigations, Mrs Oppenheim had given the green light to price Increases by large and small firms.

This Bill took off the brakes. The Government had embarked on inflationary policies which would consume the country and consume the Government.

The new clause was rejected by the states.

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Banning anti-competitive practices

The Secretary of State for Trade would be able to ban anti-competitive practices across the board if it was found that the practice was being induged in by more than a mere handful of firms, under a new clause (General orders following competition and general references) moved by Mr John Fraser, for the Opposition.

What was absent from the Bill What was absent from the Bill (he said) was the power to deal generally with an anti-competitive practice which operated against the public interest, but where there

He understood a multiple high street firm whose name was a shousehold word was being refused a supply of British produced television sets because they would sell them too cheaply in their shops.

them to the high street retailer who would sell them too cheaply. who would sell them too cheaply.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of
State for Consumer Affairs, said
the new clause was extremely
tempting but the kind of practice
Mr Fraser wanted to outlaw was
not appropriate to be dealt with in
this way. If a practice existed
which, across the board, was likely
to be against the public interest,
like resale price maintenance or a
refusal to supply, the right course
of action was to introduce primary of action was to introduce primary

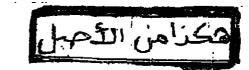
When the Government went fur-ther with their competition policy she would see if there was some

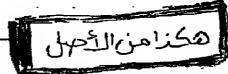
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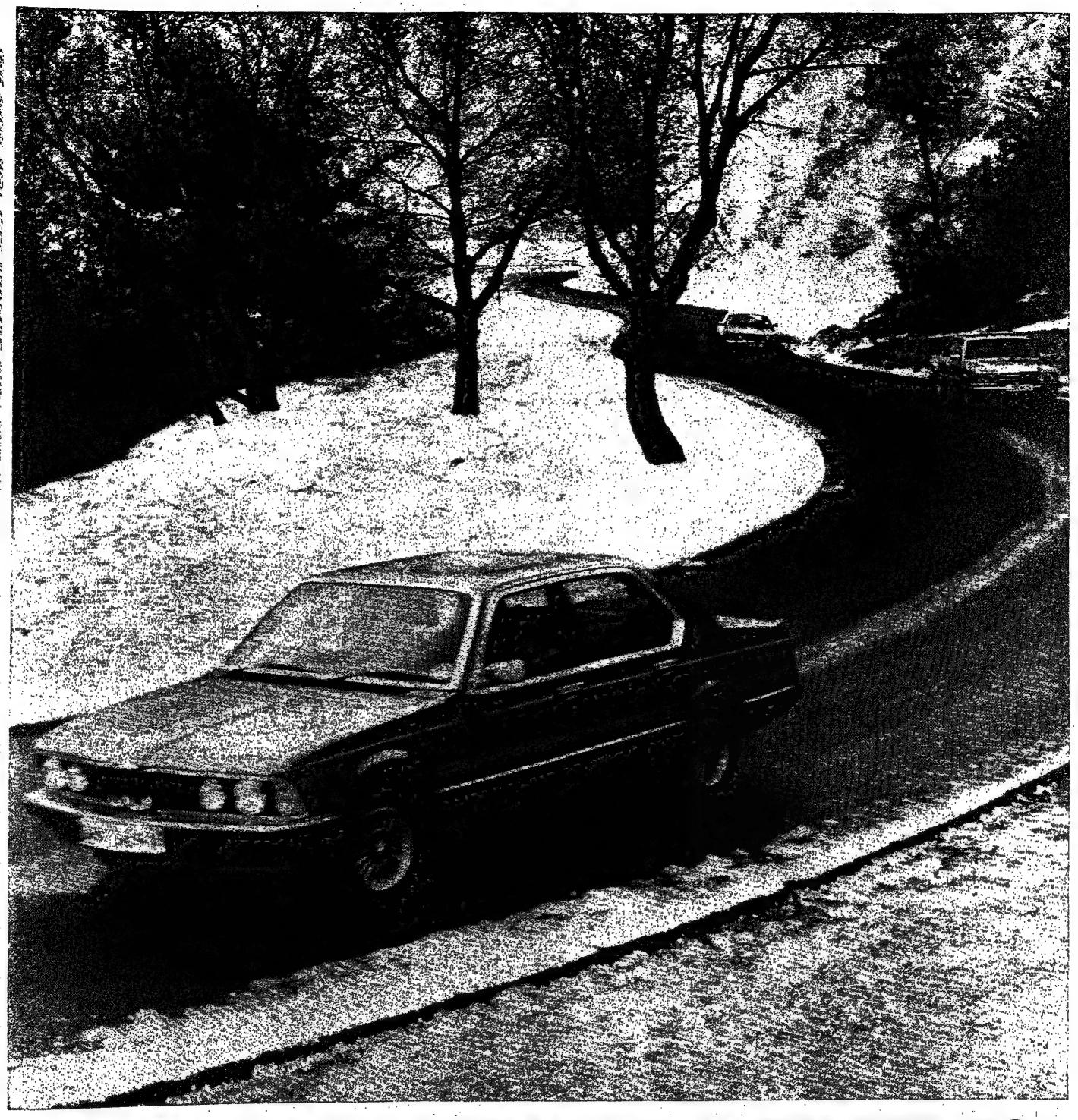
The new clause was rejected by 182 votes to 138—Government majority, 44.

The report stage was concluded. The Bill was read the third time by 178 votes to 130—Government majority 48.

Mr David Walkins (Consett, Lah), speaking in yesterday's orbate on the northern region, said profits made at the Consett steelworks in the last four months of 1879 had been running at a rate of some £2m a year. Now the workers had been a year. Now the workers had been rewarded with a betrayal. So had the cummunity. This hetrayal amounted to sheer depravity.







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Lord Carrington's magical mystery tour

Fort in Delhi, an Indian boy was performing a feat of levitation. He lay on the ground with his head cheerily sticking through a hole cut in a very large blanket. As the tourists leaned over the parapet to watch, the boy stretched out under the blanket was perfectly and the control of the c the blanket slowly began to rise off the ground, hovering in mid-air, with no visible means of support. How did he do it? Gymnastics, some one suggested, impressed and baffled.

It might be giving Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary more than his due to attribute to him the power of levitation in addition to his other of levitation in addition to his other talents. But his recent tour of Turkey, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and India had something of that quality about it. The Foreign Secretary had no money to offer and no arms to distribute. Yet there he was, rallying morale against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan by force of words alone. force of words alone.

The main point which the Foreign Secretary tried to make, again and again on his trip, was that the risk of subversion, as in Afghanistan, comes from within. To suppose that the threat to a country's stability comes simply from external forces, he argued, was out of date. The present tensions in Iran carry a warning for the fragility of the region as a whole.

Dr Frantisek Kriegel died last mouth, in Prague, after a long illness following a beart attack.

Or Kriegel was one of the leaders of the "Czech Spring" in 1968, and the

only one who, to the last,

refused to sign the instrument of capitulation demanded by the Soviet aggressors. He was also a signatory of "Charter 77". This column, however, is

not an obituary, nor is it a reminder of the 1968 invasion

of Czechoslovakia and what followed. It is something far more strange, and in its combolism I think far more

Although, as I say, my pur-pose here is not biographical, a

few words about Dr Kriegel's

life are necessary for a full understanding of what follows.

Dr Kriegel was a man who had spent his life in the service of

medicine and of socialism. As

a young doctor be had gone to

Spain during the Civil War and

worked on the Republican side in tending the wounded. Later, he went to China and worked,

again as a doctor, among the

troops fighting against Japanese

aggression. After the overthrow of the Batista regime in Cuba, he went there to help organize

a health service. It seems that he was much, and rightly, loved, and he was acting fully in character in his participation in the government of Mr Dubcek

and its non-violent defiance of the invaders from the Soviet Union and her Empire. (That

reminds me-Mr Donald Trel-ford, the Editor of The

Observer, said on the radio 10

days ago that a Soviet invasion

of Yugoslavia was unlikely. as

the Soviet leaders might not

be allowed by the Hungarian

government to send troops

At a time when the rest of the European allies were sounding indecisive the Foreign Secretary managed to say out loud, for the benefit of a global audience, what needed to be said in attacking the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan. It was an exercise which Britain, because of our historic connexions, was well qualified to undertake—leaving it to Washington, where the real firepower is, to dramatize the western protest by the grain embargo.

Though his tour helped to concen-

Though his tour helped to concentrate attention on the Afghanistan issue, it revealed no solutions. On the contrary, it served to underline the overwhelming problems these countries face, even allowing for the fact that on such a whirlwind tour first impressions may be too vivid.

Turkey, for a start, is bankrupt, and there is no end in sight to its economic difficulties. Its entire foreign exchange earnings pay for oil, and despite severe economies, the out-look is grim. Mr Demirel, the new Prime Minister, is determined facing the country's difficulties. But there is no escape, it seems, from the West continuing to pour in colossal sums of money as the price of keeping Turkey on its feet. One glance at the map is enough to show what a hole would be made in the stability of the region if Turkey was brought to the pass facing Iran.

No money to offer, no arms to distribute. yet there he was rallying morale against the invasion

Not that money is the answer to security. In Saudi Arabia, where Lord Carrington was well received, the calm of ages has been shaken by the attack on the Grand Mosque. Yet according to the minister of the interior, there is no need to question the efficacy of the security services. Everything is firmly under control, authorities remain confident, they even knew in advance who the renegades were. . . Prince Naif sum-

far and wide to report these find-ings. As for the recent disturbances in the eastern provinces, they were dismissed as just a little local diffi-

culty. Saudi Arabia remains a financial power of the first rank yet the regime seems less confident than might be expected of its capacity to influence events. At the coming conference of Muslim countries, it is quite clear that Muslim countries, it is quite clear that the Saudis will not be seen taking the lead. They will watch and wait, boping that the meeting will at least manage to pass a resolution condemning the Soviet Union.

As for Oman, where Lord Carrington flew over the straits of Hormuz, there is no doubt where it stands. The Sultan himself is resolutely identified with the West. But

lutely identified with the West. But either by choice or diplomatic hamhandedness, the country is more or less excluded from the councils of the pan-Arab world. Meanwhile the regime is anxiously looking over its shoulder at the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (South Yemen) where the Russians are in full control. While the Sultan's advisers are advoit at justifying more and more arms, it hardly seems likely that economic development will spread to the people as a whole as rapidly as

In Pakistan and India, concern over the invasion of Afghanistan quickly about each other's intentions. The Indian Government seems to believe

that a Sino-Pakistan-American axis threatens its own borders. Any help given to Pakistan, despite the fact

obvious reasons. The question whether the West should be embracing a regime like that of President Zia becomes secondary Political parties have been banned, Mrs Bhutto and her daughter have been locked up again, and martial law looks like being in force for a long time. The paradoxical result of the invasion of Afghanistan is that it has turned President Zia into an ally, to be supported as a bastion of the free

How is it that the Russians have no qualms in intervening directly— in South Yemen, in Ethiopia, in Afghanistan—while the West seems

David Spanier

that it is the country mos directly affected, is interpreted as a covert challenge to Indian security. As for Pakistan, Lord Carrington emphasized the over-riding need to guarantee its territorial integrity, for

so lacking in confidence in its own values that it can only react spasmodically and cautiously? Lord Carrington at least has no hesitation in standing up for his friends. But he is ming to need some help from he is going to need some help from Nato allies if his determined defence of western interests is not to subside like levitation.

Diplomatic Correspondent

Bernard Levin

moned the international press from

No flowers by order

through Hungarian territory. It wouldn't surprise me in the least to discover that he actually

Very well; after a long life of medical service, and a more recent record of unarmed resistance to Soviet tyranny, Dr Kriegel died. (My account of what then happened comes from a Czech samizdat journal called Information on Charter 77. a translation of which has been made available to me by the Palach Press Agency.)

Dr Kriegel died at noon on Monday, December 3. The hospital delayed the issue of the death certificate until the morning of the following day, and the reason for the delay soon became apparent. By 3 pm on the Monday, the state funeral services in Prague had already been notified that they were not to make any arrange-ments for Dr Kriegel's funeral. On Tuesday the 4th the local funeral office in the district in which Dr Kriegel had lived, which was therefore the one which would normally have made the arrangements, did not open at its usual time : a woman official there told members of the family that she "was not allowed to make arrangements allowed to make arrangements for the funeral of Dr Kriegel", and directed them to the funeral-service headquarters, and a Mr Hibis, who was responsible.

The family saw Mr Hibis, who announced that no fermitted coremony would be permitted.

ceremony would be permitted at the Strasnice Crematorium (the appropriate one for the area, and the one at which the



Dr Frantisek Kriegel: persecuted even after his death.

family wished the cremation to take place). It would have to expire until noon on the take place, they were told, at the Motol Crematorium on the outskirts of Prague, and on the Thursday (that is, two days later) at 7 pm. later) at 7 pm.

ment (used to notify mourners) The family protested that the legally prescribed period be-tween death and cremation was noon of the Wednesday (thus

making them useless for their intended purpose, notifying of the death those who would have wished to attend the ceremony). He also made it clear that wers and wreaths would not be available.

The puppet Czechoslovak authorities, through their agent, Mr Hibis, had thus made it impossible for Dr Kriegel's family to arrange an appropriate and dignified ceremony; the family therefore decided, as the only form of protest left to them, to allow the cremation to proceed with the cremation. to proceed with no ceremony of

to proceed with no ceremony of any kind.

Meanwhile, the Czech secret police had been busy. Throughout the morning of the day after Dr Kriegel died two agents were posted outside the local funeral offices; when the action shifted to the funeral-service headquarters, they moved over there. On the Wednesday other agents were stationed at the offices of the printers preparing the funeral printers preparing the funeral notices. And from the morning notices. And from the morning of the Thursday, the day of the cremation, the Motol Crematorium was surrounded by police, there to break up any gathering of mourners. (The funerals of both Josef Smrkovsky and Professor Patocka, colleagues of Dr Kriegel in the Czech Spring, had both been Czech Spring, had both been defiled in this manner.)

On the day of the cremation, friends in large numbers gathered at the Kriegels' flat to sustain, and mourn with, Dr Kriegel's widow; throughout the day, well-wishers arrived the day, well-wishers arrived with flowers and messages of

kind of visitor errived. He introduced himself as the manager of the Prague funeral degrading events I have described were "a mistake", claimed that he "knew pothing about it ", blamed a subordin-are and said he wanted " to apologize for this regrettable misunderstanding ".

'apology" was not accepted by the mourners, who knew, after all, that he was only speaking the lines of a script prepared by others. In the evening Dr Kriegel's body was

Thus does Soviet vengeance pursue even in death, through Czech guislings, those who defied Soviet tyranny in life. the is, incidentally, worth recording that, as the samizdat journal reminds us, even General Pinocher of Chile persisted the persisted of the persisted tyrical formation. mitted a public funeral for the communist poet Pablo Neruda.) In conclusion I cannot do better than quote directly from the words in which Information on Charter 77 sums up this macabre tale of men so justly frightened of the people they hold down in the name of their own cruel masters that they dare not allow even a funeral ceremony to one who defied those masters:

those masters:

The inexcusable cannot be excused. This event is not only inexcusable but unforgivable, unforgettable, unjustifiable and unpardonable. It happened at the end of the twentieth century, in civilized Europe with its cultured and advanced nations who, more than four years ago, adopted the Helsinki Final Act. It happened in a state whose present rulers claim that it is a country of real socialism.

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Herr Strauss could stand or fall in May

The scene is set, the curtain has arisen and after a few fluffs and false starts, the West German election year has be-

But the script is not quite what the audience expected and one of the leading actors is trying his best not to play the role he has been cast in.

Rasically, the plot is a longdrawn out duel between the two gignts of West German politics. Although events, issues and other groups may have a strong influence, the denounement will depend largely on whether the country wishes to keep Herr Hehmut Schmidt — probable the herr basseller it has ably the best chancellor it has ever had — or be seduced by the temperament and criticism of his controversial challenger, Herr Franz Josef Strauss.

There is however a third figure, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the popular Foreign Minister. His small Free Democrat Party, coalition partners with Herr Schmidt's Social Democrats, will make sure the other two figures do not have the stage to themselves. They know that in a straight fight between Herr Schmidt and Herr Strauss they could easily be forgotten.

Domestic questions, except perhaps for the energy prob-lem, are unlikely to generate much dramatic effect,

Surprises may yet come from he "Greens", the anti-nuclear ecological party which could draw votes from the social democrats and free democrats possibly even leaving Herr Strauss with the majority. But after their near-chaotic founding congress in mid-January, in which they failed to produce a programme, elect leaders and convincingly exclude communists from their ranks, they now appear less of a threat to the coalition than they did before. The main danger to Herr Schmidt, electoral experts agree, would be catastrophic events abroad which would have serious repercussions on the scene in West Germany. An unexpected and, for the coaling the state of the coaling transport of the coalin

tion, unsettling foretaste of this has been the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Herr Schmidt himself has de clared it a severe setback for the Government's policy of dé-tente and better relations with the Communist block which he can justifiably boast to voters have been the great achieve-ment of the coalition's 10 years

Herr Strauss has been able to charge that the coalition based its policies on a misjudgment of the true nature of the Soviet Union and although he does not criticise the principle of détente itself. he accuses the Government of seeking the "wrong kind" of

détente. Any Middle East situation which severely restricted oil imports into Germany and lower the hard-earned standard of living could have serious ofon the Government's es. Although Herr chances. Although Schmidt insists on

nuclear power stations where there is no other way of cover-ing the country's energy needs the strong anti-nuclear faction in his party makes him, in voters eyes, less capable of solving the problem than Herr Strauss, And any really drastic energy-saving measures, ex-perts warn, could catapult the coalition parties straight into opposition. Even before Afghanistan it

has become clear to party strategists that an important factor in the election campaign would be a diffuse sense of fear about the future. This is due to the Germans' natural tendency to worry and need to feel protected combined with a general feeling that the world situation has got quite out of hand.

Both of the big parties have made this their thems. The Social Democrats have adopted the slogan "security for the Ste" stressing the parties. 80s", stressing the proven re-liability of the Chancellor, who has steered the country competently through the economic and terrorist crises, against the unpredictable. uncontrollable side of Herr Strauss nature. The Christian Democrats reply with the phrase "We can master the future" and are trying to mobilize their own rank and file with the slogan

Altogether the campaign is expected to provide an intrigu-ing conflict of personalities between the two men, Herr Schmidt A Hamburger, cool, controlled a little aloof, Herr Strauss a Bavarian, baroque,

volatile and earthy.

Despite their differences in temperament the two have much in common. Both have an outstanding grasp of economics and finance matters, defence and foreign affairs. Both are verbally demokshing an opviciousness of a razor blade. Herr Strauss with the force of

a Howitzer.

Herr Schmidt is admired almost as much by Christian Democrats and Christian Social voters as by his own side. Herr Strauss is disliked and mistrusted by many in the Christian Democrat camp, particularly in the northern part of Germany, But Herr Strauss has an un-

canny appeal which defies the usual methods of analysis. An eminent psychologist has pointed out that his swashbuckling, strong-man image exercises an unconscious fascination on people who believe they disapprove of him. Psechologists say that a certain kind of unskilled worker, tradition-ally an SPD voter, is parti-

cularly vulnerable to this.

Both have an Achilles heel.

Herr Schmidt has his left-wing to fear-not so much in practice as in the gibes of opposition campaigners who will point to past differences between them and the Chancellor. Herr Strauss has himself to fear.
Herr Strauss knows that his

extreme and uncontrolled outbursts of temper can lose him the election. Before he can even start the campaign proper he must win the confidence of Christian Democrat militants. many of whom are tempted to sit this election out . " How many", a ODU member said, "are going to want to be seen wearing an 'I love Strauss button?".

Since becoming candidate last summer Herr Strauss has been seeking a style which will keep his right wing supporters happy while winning over the much larger moderate wing.

It became clear to his advisers

that if he was to make any impact he must retain his natural ebulliance while keeping his tongue in check. In a recent Bundestag debate

crises he appeared at last to have got into his stride. In a compelling off the cuff speech he gave a brilliant analysis of the situation and criticized the Government without lapsing into cold-war language or demanding action which, as German Chancellor, he would not be able to take himself.

To keep it up for the next nine or ten months will be an almost inhuman exercise in-

us efself-discipline.
ment's The Free Democrats particuHerr larly stand to gain from the
more votes of CDU moderates who mistrust Herr Strauss. SPD's best hope is that CDU voters will be so unhappy about him that they will simply stay at home on polling day.

The actual date of the elec-

officially the campaign does not start until after the summer wholes it had been fixed, it is expected to be sometime in October or November although officially the campaign does not start until after the summer holidays it has in effect already begun because of three Land elections this spring which will strongly influence the outcome.

The Baden-Wuerttemberg elections in March and the Searland elections in April are unlikely to bring any change in the Christian Democrat governments there (in the Saarland the CDU rules with the FDP). but the relative performances of the various parties will be seen as encouraging signs or cause

The real test will be in North Rhine-Westphalie in May where the Christian Democrats hope they can oust the Social Democrat-Free Democrat coalition from power. North Rhine-Westphalia contains one fifth of the West German voters and reflects almost exactly the makeup of the national electorate. If the Christian Democrats can win there they have practically won the Bundestag elections.

to these painters—the more is-

tricate the decoration, the

copied from Christmas cards,

calendars, comics and mosques. Tarzan and the Horse of Ali

can be seen side by side with

parrots, mountains, helicopters

Patricia Clough

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The Middle East: should America change direction? -President Sadat is prepared to leave the Palestinian problem

The Gulf is in a state of ten- one that is abundantly obvious East. The alarming recent sion, and a recent visit to the to anybody I spoke to in the events should provoke questionsion, and a recent visit to the area confirmed all that has which prevail. It is hardly surprising that people there should be worried. The Khameini inspired and led uprising in Iran, which was able to overthrow the Shah's powerful regime and his large and expensively equipped armsd forces practically without having to fire a shot, caused shockwaves of unease among all the neighbouring Islamic year later, the blatant Soviet aggression in Afghanistan dramatically emphasizes the reality and closeness of the Russian threat. Many analogies between the

present situation and the pre-1939 world are being drawn. Not all of these are relevant or accurate, but one lesson from the 1930s surely is both-that peace is indivisible. The obvious conclusion, and

to anybody I spoke to in the Gulf, is that while peace in the been said and written about Middle East must be the first insecurity and anxiety priority, the Camp David in prevail. It is hardly sur-approach is not going to ing that people there produce it, and an alternative method must be found.

Meanwhile the hostility towards America which has long been latent in the Arab and Muslim world and which

is rooted in a pervading resent-ment against the United States for its flagrant partisanship for Israel, has burst out into the open. The very substantial Palestinian presence in the Gulf as well as the genuine emotion about Jerusalem has ensured that the rulers and their governments are pro-foundly aware and resentful of the continuing injustice Inflicted on the Palestinian

The collapse of the Shah's regime in Iran and the Soviet seizure of Afghanistan have Western position in the Middle Egypt (if-and it is not certain

ing among the governments of the Western world about the wisdom of the policies they have so far pursued. As the highly intelligent and moderate Prime Minister of Jordan, Abdel Hamid Sharaf, said a few days ago, "You cannot talk to us about security in Afghanistan as long as you deny us security right here. For Jordanians, as for other Arabs, the Palestin-ian issue is 'all-pervasive' and can be solved only by giv-ing Palestinians self-determi-

The West has vital interests in the Middle East and is bound to defend and safeguard them. That being said, it does not follow that the West has no choice but to build its defences on such allies as it can find in a region where its motives, and particularly those of the United States, are auto-

matically suspect.
To opt now for a defensive strategy based on Israel, with

on one side) as an improbable partner, would be a serious blunder. It would only increase the elienation of the Arab world from the West and hence in time the threat to western interests there. Before succumbing to a sort of laager mentality in our response to the accumulating menace to western interests in the Middle East we should ask ourselves whether the prevail-ing climate of anti-western hostility in the Arab and Muslim worlds is immutable and whether it is not in our power to do something to change it. If instead of looking for elusive allies whose own future may be uncertain we turn our attention to the task of changing the environment first, we might stand a better chance of eventual success in our search for friends and allies. The defence of western interests would then become a much America and Europe really

caught in an inescapable home to Washington as forci-dilemma where they have bly as we can the need for a viral interests on both sides and these are bound to con-flict. The hostilky towards the United States and to a lesser extent towards the West in general, would disappear very speedily once the West and Washington in particular began to show a proper respect and concern for the rights of the Palestinians. In all the talks I had with the Shaikhs and other political leaders in the Gulf, the need

for greater European involve-ment was consistently empha-sized. And indeed there is now a real opportunity for Europe to intervene in its own and everyone else's interest. The search for peace can no longer be left exclusively in Washington's hands.

Now that the United States is seeking European support in withstanding threats to the Middle East and the supply of oil to the West, we should take

radical change of direction in American policy in the area. The justification for taking this line is not simply that American partisanship Israel has been wrong, it is also that it has been dangerous and is much to blame for the present western predicament and the ineffectiveness of its response to the crisis in Iran and the aggression in Afghanis-

A new and more honest attempt to tackle the Arab-Israek dispute is a prerequisite to any effective long-term strategy for the defence of western interests in that vital region and the Gulf States are looking to Europe to lead the

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AFGHANISTAN DIARY

Kites of apathy over

the snows

Only those who have never been to Afghanistan call its capital Ka-bull with the accent on the second syllable. It is something of a disappointment to arrive in this ancient caravanserai city, smothered in snow 2,000 feet up the Hindu Kush, to find that it is really pronounced something like "Cobble". Maybe it was G. A. Henty's grotesquely partial accounts of the Anglo-Afghan wars that misled us all, but even the BBC—the most popular listening in town since the arrival of so many visitors from the Soviet Union—gets it

Pronunciation is, of course, not the only linguistic problem here these days. Since Party members do not wear badges, it is unwise to approach Afg-hans with leading questions ahout Russian invaders. In conversation, a gentle reference to to be seen around Kabul 18 usually sufficient to provoke triangular and rectangular pallid, vacant smiles. They will not stay long either a smile of understand-kites and small paper affairs, took a look at the prices then because although the villagers ing (Party member) or a scowl gaily painted in blues and reds breezed back into the snow a sell plastic bags stuffed with

of contempt (non-party member). Though it may be unfashionable to say so, the latter are in a majority and it really is difficult, after spendding an hour snarled up kites, although there is a poeuc in a traffic column of Soviet quality about the way in which armour in the suburbs, to the children—doll-like creaaccept the Afghan president's tures with narrow Chinese feaassurance about that "very limited contingent" of Russian troops in the country. It certainly sets new limits to the word "limited" and it will be difficult to go home and hear the word "socialism" over the next month or two without instinctively thinking of a T-62

But if anyone believes that Kabul contains a crushed, politically downtrodden community only waiting to rise up against its oppressors, then he or she is way out of tune with this curiously Ruritanian society. Most Afghans are politically disinterested and Kabul has an almost bored air of normalize as it sits in its low hasin mality as it sits in its icy basin in the mountains with its wood smoke drifting up into the pale blue sky. The first thing that a visitor notices in the sky is an army of kites—large box kites, triangular and rectangular

and often illustrated with a large and friendly human eye. No one seems quite sure why the Afghans are so obsessed by kites, although there is a poetic tures swaddled in coats and embroidered capes-watch their kites hanging in the frozen air, those great paper eyes with their long eyelashes floating towards the moun-

The dwindling hippy trail

It is often easy to under-stand the magic that attached itself to the hippies trail through Kabul and elderly converts to a more conventional form of life will be pleased to know that a few Flower Children still pass by. Six of them blew into the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel a few days ago, three teenage girls, two blond, long-haired young men and an ageing guru wreathed in blue smoke and



couple of hours before curfew and were not seen again. long

hashish beside the main roads, there is little to do in Kabul now that Afghanistan has entered its latest phase of the glorious April revolution.

Where are the bears? I asked a taxi driver to take me

to the archaeological museum, which contains a wealth of which contains a wealth of the saures including some of the finest gold jewelry in South-west Asia but we ended up in a building site covered in ice. This, it was explained with much enthusiasm, was where the museum will be built procetted. built once the new government It transpired that Hafiyullah

Amin, the President who was quite literally blown out of power (by high explosive shells) last month, had decided prior to his violent demise that the national heirlooms should be moved from the Darulaman Palace to a new home. The gold moved out of the palace and Amin moved in—but without building the new museum—and the entire collec-tion now rests in boxes in the

block guarded by a group of chain-smoking Afghan soldiers. Kabul's famous 200 proved a slightly more rewarding experislightly more rewarding experi-ence. It costs just three pence to purchase an entrance ticket and a rusting sign marked vultures inside the gate directs the visitor to some of the nastiest birds on earth. To say that the Kabul vultures are scrawny, would be too generous. They are positively skeleral. Past the hog pir, a trek through deep snow brought a colleague and myself to the polar bear cages. It was some-what disturbing to find that the bears were missing and that the cage doors were open. Even more disquieting was the silent group of turbaned men who followed us around the zehra park, apparently under the illusion that we were Rus-

Railway museum

Another tourist attraction used to be the large steam locobasement of an obscure office- motive which was donated as

sians. It must be the only 200 in the world where the visitors are potentially more dangerous than the animals.

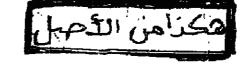
a gift to the Afghan king in the last century by a dotty German Crown Prince. It now sits forlorn and rusting near a ruined palace, its pistons welded together and guarded by policemen who snatch cameras away from anyone rash enough to try to photo-graph the engine: a doubly absurd practice since there is not a single railway-line in all Afghanistan. What there are, of course, are thousands of miles of winding, dangerous, breathtaking roads through valleys, tain-tops. These were the his-toric trails of the ancient cara-vans. And their descendants the lorry drivers of Afghanis-tan—still aspire to their noble calling. For their lorries are masterpieces of Afghan pop art, every square inch of bodywork covered in paintings

multicoloured designs Afghan larry art possesses a Aighan larry art possesses a history all its own. It was created in 1945 when metal sheeting was added to the woodwork of long-distance trucks and the panels were turned into canvases by artists in Kabul and later Kandahar. Lorry owners pay large sums

and flowers. Three-panelled tail-boards on Bedford trucks provide perfect tryptichs. Miche-line Centiliveres-Demont in her remarkable book on Afghan popular art, recalls asking a lorry owner why he painted the coachwork of his truck and receiving the reply: "It is garden, for the road is long." Above all, Kabul is unpredictable. The Soviet officers gingerly shopping in the bazaar with their two Russian guards must themselves be confused by the thrice-expur-gated guidebook which deletes all Afghan history between 1929 and the 1978 revolution. And anyone who flies on Ariana Afghanistan's national airline—quickly discovers that European destinations are only decided on the morning of departure: the longest magical

mystery tour in the world.

Robert Fisk



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THE KENNEDY CHALLENGE FADES

first substantial step towards his the difficulties with a calm reelection. The Iowa caucuses strength that would not have are essentially of psychological importance: only a very small proportion of the votes at this summer's conventions will have been determined there. But that is also true of most of the early primaries. They matter because it is necessary for a candidate to look like a winner early on. This psychological momentum is important for all candidates, but especially so for someone challenging a sitting President of his own party. Senator Kennedy entered the race in November because it seemed then that Mr Carter had very little chance of winning. Mr Kennedy's justifica-tion for running against him was that the choice for the next President lay effectively between a Republican and a Democrat other than Mr Carter. For a challenge based upon such a theme to be plausible it needs to be sustained by a sense of inevitability. That is precisely what has been destroyed in Iowa. Mr Kennedy can no longer maintain that his reason for splitting the party is that he stands the better chance of retaining the

White House for the Democrats. The failure of his challenge can be attributed to two principal factors. The first is that the nation has rallied to the President over the crises in Iran and Afghanistan. This is the normal political trend in most countries at a time when national security is at issue, but the trend has been intensified in this case

President Carter has taken the because Mr Carter has handled have rallied opinion behind him been widely expected. He has been criticized in some quarters for failing to use the crisis in Iran as a means of extracting a reasonable energy programme from Congress. But to most American voters this will seem a point of relative detail, even if they agree with it at all. Mr Carrer has seemed to be progressively tougher in defending American and more general western interests, without acting rashly. He has responded like a President.

> The second reason for Mr. Kennedy's poor showing has been the surprising weakness of his own campaign. He has been inarticulate on television and rash in his statements. Both in his comments earlier on the Shah and in his later attempts to make political capital out of the grain embargo he has appeared to be unduly opportunist. His failure to make much headway with this second issue in the grain state of lows explains a good deal about the American mood at the moment. It is not a mood in which Mr Kennedy is well equipped to prosper. Over the past two months he has seemed progressively more like a candidate and less like a President, while Mr Carter has managed to appear like a President who almost forgets that he is a candidate.

This does not mean, though, that Mr Carter is sure to be reelected. The foreign crises that may seem to subside in importance, in the mind of the electorate at any rate, or he may make some unforeseen blunder in handling them. If the voters are no longer absorbed by foreign policy, they may once again turn their attention to those domestic issues, such as the economy in general and inflation in particular, where Mr Carter's performance has been far less impressive. In that case, it is always possible that Mr Kennedy might come back into the reckoning. It is far more likely, though, that Mr Carter would get the Democratic nomination but have a tough fight with the Republican nominee.

It seems less probable now that this will be Mr Reagan, The primaries are of less consequence for the Republicans, and Mr Reagan has much support already apparently assured. But that support will not withstand a succession of primary defeats. Mr George Bush, who did so well in Iowa, has the right credentials to appeal to many Republicans as someone who is reasonably tough on foreign policy-where his experience as a former head of the CIA is now a positive advantage-but not too extreme to frighten often more moderate voters. He still looks, though, more like a candidate to whom the electorate would happily turn if they were dissatisfied with the President, rather than one who is sufficiently compelling to dis-place an incumbent who was doing reasonably well.

idea of commuting as fares rise

inexorably and train and bus ser-

vices become ever more crowded,

infrequent and unreliable.

Already this has created beavy

demand for office space and for

building land in the home coun-

ties. The other factor is the pos-

sible effect of microtechnology

on white collar employment. It is quite likely that within a few

years many routine and unskilled

jobs will be performed electroni-

The GLC professes not to be

worried by the possibility of a

substantial surplus of office accommodation, with buildings remaining untenanted for years

ahead. Its policy is still to en-

courage office building "in the

right places", which in effect

means close to main line railway

termini or other transport faci-

lities. This is not good enough. It is now accepted that public in-

quiries into road schemes should

be empowered to examine

broader issues of future traffic

patterns, The present Vale of

Belvoir coalfield inquiry is ex-

haustively investigating Britain's

projected energy needs. Yet

building applications are still

dealt with in a strictly local

and isolated context, with no proper assessment of what is

needed and where. This is no

time to be handing London back

to the speculators.

cally.

LONDON IS NOT FOR SPECULATORS

The proposal to build a 500 foot glass skyscraper on the south bank of the Thames beside Vauxhall Bridge is now the subject of a public inquiry. It raises two distinct issues, one aesthetic and the other economic. The first is whether the building would enhance or damage the London skyline. Objectors to the scheme, who include the Archbishop of Canterbury and the President of the Civic Trust, as well as Lambeth and the Greater London councils, claim that it would be a monstrous intrusion.

An inspection of the drawings, models and photographs on display at Lambeth Town Hall makes it difficult to contradict that view. Tall buildings are not intrinsically bad, although most of those erected in London over the past 25 years have been sadly unimaginative. The proposed Vauxhall tower possesses considerable elegance. But successful architecture depends upon a sense of proportion. No building should be permitted that is grossly out of scale with its surroundings. project would dwarf the historic panorama which includes Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Its intrusion would be quite unac-

central London needs further growing resistance to the whole

large office development. There tion of Lambeth, are disinclined to resist when they are presented

revenues from commercial properties. Although precise statistics are impossible to come by, Mr Stuart Holland, Labour MP for Lambeth, Vauxhall, has suggested that some twenty million square This particular feet of office accommodation are planned, under construction or completed and standing empty. Yet the total number of people employed in central London has been falling for several years. Two important factors may well accelerate that decline. One is

with the prospect of large rate

The second issue is whether

are several schemes already planned or under way. An inquiry into the redevelopment of the whole of the south bank between Waterloo and Blackfriars Bridges ended only two months ago. Southwark council is pressing hard for positive decisions on several important river-sides sites. Tower Hamlets hopes to benefit if the City runs out of room. All this points to a further speculative boom fuelled not by demand from prospective occupiers but by the fact that large institutional investors are overflowing with funds which they would as soon put into property as anything else. The London boroughs, with the notable excep-

A TESTING TIME FOR BRAZIL

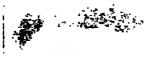
Strong nerves are going to be needed in Brazil over the next growth policies are to be maintained Brazil has no choice but to borrow more in order to service the debt it already has.

because Brazil is the largest and most influential country in Latin America and because it is an outstanding example of a country bit by current difficulties. Brazil is suffering from the rise in the price of oil-it produces only a fraction of its own needs -and from the rise in interest rates. It is responding with characteristic panache under the leadership of Senhor Antonio Delfim Netto, the Planning Minister, but there are bound to be doubts about whether the gamble will come off and whether the piling up of such. large debts is the best way of transferring finance from the developed world to a developing country. A debt like this is not like an ordinary loan from a bank to one of its clients, since a form of aid.

likely to go higher. At a time when President Figueiredo is pressing ahead with the policy of political liberalization, and new parties are being formed which need issues on which to rally supporters, this will not be easy. birthplace and the direct question

place. Ethnic minorities will also be mined if the 1981 Census provides no information about ethnic

minorities. Yours faithfully, TULIET CHEETHAM, Green College, Radcliffe Observatory, January 15.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boycotting the Olympic Games in Moscow

From Mr Jonathan Arkush

Sir, In your lead story today (January 21) Lord Killanin, the President of the International Olympic Committee, is quoted as saying that "he had been unable to detect any difference between the activities of the Moscow organizing committee and those of the cities that had preceded them down the

This is an astonishingly naive statement considering that, as Lord Killanin must know, the "Moscow organizing committee" is no more than an arm of the Soviet authorities.

I have just returned from a stay in Moscow and Leningrad which has left me in no possible doubt that preparations are being made for the forthcoming Games which are very different from chose made by organizers of the Games in pass years. During my visit to the USSR I met many Jews who have been refused permission to emigrate ("refusentiss") whose unanimous view was that many of their number would be imprisoned on manufactured charges by the time the Games begin. Others would be placed under house arrest or ordered to leave the city. Dissidents were expected to suffer the same fate. Even ordinary children were to be sent away to special camps.

to be sent away to special camps.

Were Jews or members of any other group arrested and imprisoned in Montreal in 1976 or Munich in 1972 or in any other Olympic venue in the last 40 years because the Games were to be staged there? Has any other host city for the Olympics evicted all its school-children on the ground that they might be contaminated by contact with foreigners?

with foreigners?

Lord Killanin is either living in a different world than the rest of us or is wilfully closing his eyes to the preparations being made at this yery moment by the Moscow authorities the nature of which directly contravenes the whole spirit of the Olympic Charter. Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN ARKUSH, 1 Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, WC1. January 21.

From Mr David Simpson Sir, In all the discussion of responses

to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan I have not noticed any proposal for stopping relevision, radio and press coverage in the West of the Moscow Olympics.
If Western countries prevent their

athletes from participating in the Games it would be difficult to reconcide this with future stands against political inverferences in international sport. However, cutting off the Russians from the confidence of the restaurance and publicity to siderable revenue and publicity to be expected from the relevision and other media should hit them hard. The Games could still take place but they would not only feel a greetly increesed financial burden but would not gain the propaganda benefics they expect from world-wide coverage. A start might be the denial of rights to use television satel lites. Yours faithfully.

DAVID SIMPSON. Casa La Lloma, Altes, Spain. Jacquery 17.

Links with Chile

From Dr Sheila Cassidy

rights.

From Lord Bethell, MEP for London, North-West (Conservative) Sir, Lord Killanin says on your front page this morning (January 21) that there is a binding agreement

Sir, Lord Montgomery's letter

(January 22) manifests with such

clarity the belief that Britain's

trade relations are more important

than the welfare of the ordinary people of Chile. Whether or not the British Ambassador should have

been recalled because I was nortured is debatable, but the fact is that he

was recalled and this action has linked Anglo-Chilean diplomatic

relations with the issue of human

Like Lord Montgomery I deplore hysterical incantations ", but surely

he would not put the recent United

Nations report in this category. Chile was condemned by 93 votes to

6 at the United Nations General Assembly in December 1979 because

taining 3,000 bodies and an econo-

mic policy leading to widespread malnurrition. The conclusion of the report includes the statement that "the persistence of unemployment

and the entrenchment of a situation in which large sectors of the popula-

tion are forced to exist on incomes which are insufficient to enable them to obtain food has resulted in

a deterioration in the nutrition of

the Chilean people, a situation which

the plans of the Government have not succeeded in improving".

It is true that no amount of cold-

shouldering will bring back the

dead, but the point at issue is whether it would be morally wrong

to embark deliberately upon a ven-

ture that would appear to the rest of the world to condone not only

the Chilean exiles in this country is

the whereabouts of the 2,000 people

who have disappeared since the

coup. The church in Chile has stated

repeatedly that there can be no

peace in Chile until the fate of these

While I shall always remain deeply grateful to the British Gov-

ernment for looking so actively for

my release from prison, I find it difficult to understand how those at

present in office can make the deci-

sion to renew diplomatic relations with such a regime.

c/o Chile Committee Rights,

1 Cambridge Terrace, NW1. January 22.

people has been classified.

Yours faithfully,

SHEILA CASSIDY,

of its breaches of human rights.

between the Soviet Government and menical religious service was held the International Olympic Com- on the site of Dachau concentration mittee to hold the Games in Moscow camp just outside Munich. During and that this agreement has not been broken on the Soviet side.

I believe that Lord Killanin should now ask himself a more important question. If he and his colleagues allow the Moscow Games to proceed, will they not be in breach of their own rules and regulations, under which they are estab-lished as the governing body of the

Olympic Movement?

These rules begin with a number of Fundamental Principles, the first of which is that the "great quadrennial festival of sports" is designed "to construct a better and more peaceful world".

This is a clearly political aim and the IOC must take its political con-

sequences into account when reaching decisions.

They must conclude, surely, that this fundamental principle, this first aim of their movement, is inconsistent with holding the festival in a country with he had into interest. a country which has just invaded the territory of a neighbouring state and is currently involved in a war of aggression. Yours sincerely,

NICHOLAS BETHELL 73 Sussex Square, W2. January 21.

From Mr Edwin Roth Sir, Sitting in the House of Conmons press gallery as correspondent of foreign newspapers, I have listened to the recent parliamentary discussion about whether the Olympic Games should be removed from Moscow. In this, four per-sonal experiences I have had in the

course of my work are very

relevant : In August, 1968, I witnessed in Prague the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia and its immediate aftermath. Perhaps the most mov-I saw there showed three Russian tanks in Prague, each one flying a large Olympic flag with the fiverings. A Russian soldier in the first tank leans our of the turret and asks a sad Prague family—the poster had his question in Russian and Czech: "Which is the way to Mexico City?" (The Olympic Games in Mexico City opened, with Russian participation, a few weeks after the Russian invasion of Czechoslovskis...)

In 1972 I covered the non-sport side of the Olympic Games in I saw there showed three Russian

side of the Olympic Games in Munich. Two days before the opening, a very big televised press con-ference was held to announce the expulsion of the multiscial Rhode-sian team, which had been invited by the International Olympic Committee, and was already in Munich.
During this press conference, I asked Abrabam Ordiah, the
Nigerian president of the Supreme
African Sports Council: "Mr Ordish, will you use your personal influence to ensure that if the Ugandan bockey team win Gold Medals, they will be allowed by Idi Amin to take their Gold Medals with them into the British refugee camps, to which Amin will send them as penulless refugees, immediately after these Games?"
(All members of the Ugandan hockey team were Asians, whose expropriation and forced deportafew days earlier.)

Ordish replied furiously: "I am a sportsman, not a polizician I You are very wrong to bring polizics into the Olympic Games! Your question is a breach of the Olympic spirit!"

Next day, which was the day before the Games opened, an ecu-

Condoning treason

From Professor A. C. Renfrew

Sir, Grey eminences from the

security services now emerge to tell us that Guy Liddell, now dead and formerly one of their number, was "an able, honourable, exceptionally

outstanding leading member of the service" (The Times, January 21). Perhaps they will now see more clearly the damage they have done

to their service, and to national security in the broadest sense, by overlooking the treachery of the fourth man (Blunt), and allowing him to go about his scholarly ways

for so long as a respected member of the academic world and of the

realize, had far more serious conse-quences than any information

That decision, they will now

camp just outside Munich. During this service, in which the late Cardinal Julius Doepfner, clergymen of other Christian denominations and a rabbi participated, a young German read into the micro-phones: "When the Olympic Games were held in Berlin in 1936, the world refused to hear the cries of those who were tortured here and in other camps of horror. Whose cries do we refuse to hear today?" At the International Book Fair

At the International Book Fair in Frankfurt last year, I had a tape-recorded conversation with Albert Speer, who was a member of Hitler's cabinet, was personally very close to Hitler and was sentenced in Nuremberg to 20 years' imprisonment, which he served fully in Spendau. Speer told me how delighted Hitler was about the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, and what tremendous political help these Games were for Hitler. According to Speer, Hitler said again and to Speer, Hitler said again and again, full of exultation: "They all came! They all came!"

Probably the most relevant of these four experiences is the question esked by the young German during the Olympic service in Dachau: "Whose cries do we refuse to hear today?" EDWIN ROTH 20 Arkweight Mension Finchley Road, NW3.

From Mr Edward Hay

Sir, It was, of course, quire right that the United States made it clear to the Russians that any invasion of Pakistan would be regarded as an act of aggression which would be met with a military response.

But, to what extent the West (mainly in the shape of the United States) should be seen to be sup-porting General Zia's military Government is questionable. Since last October, when General Zia put off the elections, political parties have been banned. This has led to a state of unrest. Furthermore, Pakistan has severe financial problems, which are likely to be solved partially by a lessening of imports—which will be unpopular. And now there are nearly hold a million Afghans inside her haif a million Afghans inside her borders, requiring to be fed, clothed and, in the future, possibly housed. If the Russians behave in their normal fashion, they will seize the opportunity to foment trouble, par-nicularly in Baluchistan where some

unrest exists already. Therefore it behaves the West to think of the implications of sapport-ing Pakisten now with mixtary weapons. For, if and when General Zie does allow elections, and a Gov-ernment of a rether different complexion takes power, it might regard the United States, in perticular, as having sustained General Zia in

It might work more to the West's advantage if Saudi Arabia and other Gulf States could sesist Pakistan with its economic problems. And if General Zia could be persuaded to lift the ban on political parties and name a new date for the elections, the United States could then guarantee. tee the supply of arms to a new incoming Government.

In our efforts to contain Russian whether it be in Asia or in Africa, that we are not seen to be identified too closely with governments which lack the support of their peoples. Your Obedient Servant, EDWARD HAY,

potentially conveyed to the Russians by his unmasking. For if they cam not publicly distinguish bonour from

infamy, who will do it for them? And who will believe their later

protestations, in a subsequent and related case? It no longer counts for much to be told that Liddell, on his retirement from MI5 in 1953, was awarded a CBE.

If the security services do not choose to put their house in order they can hardly be surprised if the

public draws its own conclusions, rightly or wrongly. Surely, in a

democracy, to condone treason is as damaging as to commit it?

effect on British politics. You are right to say that the great issues

are electoral reform and trade union reform, but having achieved

acceptance of a centre party the

need will be to find a new sense of

direction and a new role in world

The role of a centre party in British politics must be to adapt

and complement our needs and assets with those of our partners

in Europe so that we begin to play

a leading role in developing Euro-pean influence throughout the

world, restore our economic prob-

lems by accepting European solu-

generations a quality of life and

sense of purpose that for so long has eluded us.

Yours etc.,

COLIN RENFREW.

Department of Archaeology,

University of Southampton, January 21.

11 Stack House, Cundy Street, SW1. January 16.

Increases in the price of gas From Mr M. V. Posner

Sir. Those of us in the "Energy Establishment" who have been nagging the authorities for some years about the gas price have the duty now to support the Government's recent decision to encourage British Gas in planning some real price increases over the next few years. We may be wrong in expect-ing a future with high and increasing energy prices generally—it is, of course, conceivable that the oil price may soon collapse: but the risks of preparing for too high an energy price in the next decade are much less than the risks in-curred by hoping, mistakenly, that somehow energy will become cheap

On this basis the domestic gas price in the United Kingdom has become markedly out of line, as your editorial (January 16) rightly suggested. There need be no simple-minded insistence that all trails chould out the same in the simple-minded insistence that all fuels should cost the same in the final market. But the pressure of demand for gas is bound to force a rate of expansion that is expensive to meet during the winter peak

e price rise signals these high marginal costs to the customer. Prices do influence behaviour—I have been anxiously seeking a gas connexion for my house, and plancomession for my nouse, and plan-ming to pay for that rather than no buy new insulation; these are surely stilly outcomes, but wise de-cisions on the basis of today's prices. The need for conservation works through the price mechanism and can itself be based on bard headed arguments about future and headed arguments about future and

present world prices.
So, some price rise for gas is sensible. Nor should the authorities be blamed for the mechanism -working through financial targets. These targets are rightly seen as an important means of control of the nationalized industries. Their average level is set by considera-tions of resource allocation between sectors, investment incentive, and the general needs of the Exchequer (if VAT is at 15 per cent it is not stupid to edge up public sector surpluses a bit). In the text book, financial targets might be the same for all industries; in the real world, the circumstances of, for example, gas, relecommunications, the postal services and the railways differ an much that financial targets should

differ too.

What is important is that these targets should be known, stable, adhered to. These giant public assets cannot be run like street traders—although street traders too have their advantages. This for me is the deciding point between a gas tax and a higher target for British Gas Corporation; taxes can be moved at the whim of the Chancellor, targets should be stable. And what is important also is that the ordinary customer be given signals -prices posted in the forward market-on which he can rationally arrive at decisions on resource use which are consistent with the future as most of us see it.

Two final points. None of this need have any macro-economic effects if the Government so wish it-s penny off the income tax would soon dissinate whatever extra money the Exchequer gets from British Gas. And if the effect or the "locked in" consumer of gas amongst the poorer families is judged a problem, it would be just as right for the Government to face its responsibilities for spending more on the social services as it is right for them to face their respon-sibilities in the field of energy.

I have to declare an interest-not just an intellectual interest, or as a gas customer, but in a larger, pocker book sense, in several of the industries I have mentioned. Even more important is that there are political issues, on which we experts" cannot expect to rule on our own. But "experts" who give advice which gets decision makers into hot water should sometimes Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL POSNER, Pembroke College, lembridge. January 21.

London's third airport From Mr A. R. Walmsley

Sir, Air pessenger traffic forecasts are based partly on assumptions about "real aviation kerosone prices" (p 46 of Report of the Advisory Committee on Airports Policy). The Report says: "The base cases assume continued price increases spread over two decades with prices eventually increasing to 1.8/2.4 times the current level by the year 2000." This was drafted, presumably, not later than mid-1979. In view of recent events in Iran and Afghanistan, with all their implications, and the sharp price increases already imposed by oil increases already imposed by oil producers, must we wait 20 years before a modest doubling of real price is achieved? And since the whole case for a third London air-port rests on traffic forecasts, what happens to these forecasts then? Yours sincerely.

A. R. WALMSLEY, Manor Farm, Dunmow Road. Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. January 16.

Turn of the crew From Mr Oliver Weaver

Sir, Mr Rainbird's letter (January 19) has reminded me of something which I saw at Liverpool Street station last winter.

The 18:22 and 18:36 trains for Bishop's Stortford leave from almost adjacent platforms which are joined by a narrow bridge. At 18:40, when neither train had left, the guard on each was assuring his passengers

that the other was going first.

The effect was electrifying. Both trains emptied—their occupants met on the bridge in an inextricable jam from where they enjoyed an excellent view of both trains leaving

together. Yours faithfully, OLIVER WEAVER, Kennel Farm, Albury End. Ware, Hertfordshire. January 19.

Forming a centre party From Mr Frank Paton

This condemnation is based upon violations such as arbitrary arrest, interrogation with torture, the recent finding of a mass grave con-

Royal Household.

Sir, The attraction of the idea of a centre party is two fold. Firstly, it would provide a fresh dimension and a new direction in British politics and, secondly, it would bring permanence and stability into government stretching beyond the life of one Parliament.

Your poll (January 17) showing that 23 per cent of the electorate favour the formation of a new party embodying the Liberal Party is both remarkable and encouraging when, at the present time, there is no centre party, no leader and no policy. Mr Dick Taverne (January 19) has shown how the imagination of the electorate may be captured in a very short time in a weil led and well planned campaign.

A national campaign for a new force in politics with well known national figures could have a very strong backing and a galvanizing

A tower opposite the Tate

From Mrs Irene Hunter

or tinted glass (Mr Howard's letter, January 18) is irrelevant. What matters is that any building these days should be designed to conserve energy and not waste it. It is now surely a recognized fact that sealed glass towers are flagrant consumers of energy as they require simul-taneous hearing and cooling all through their working lives. Yours faithfully, TRENE HUNTER 21 Smith Terrace, SW3. January 18.

Enmore.

Somerset.

Bridgwater,

January 19.

Sir, Regarding the article. "Christian feminists drop 'Our Father'" (January 18), is it not relevant that the words "Our Father" were used by our Lord and therefore an alteration would be a misquote.

The Fatherhood of God and the Kingdom were two of the chief themes of Christ's message and cannot be altered to individual whims.

ELSIE BEBB. January 18.

Chile's recent atrocities but also their present economic policy, which favours the wealthy minority at the expense of the majority of its Another question of vital importance to the Chilean people and to

Sir, The fact that the proposed tower building opposite the Tate Gallery is to be clad in either green

Our Father

From Mrs Elsie Bebb

Yours faithfully,

FRANK PATON,

Yours faithfully,

12 Brackenhills. Upper Poppleton,

which have been increasing conshowed a twenty per cent in-1978. But debt servicing is estiings last year, and there are increase this year. Imports, which were briefly held down below the level of exports in 1977, have increased sharply

Race and the 1981 Census

Sir, Although constructing a ques-

tion which is uncontentious and will

provide accurate information is not

easy, as the trials conducted by the

Registrar General's Office show, we

should not be deterred by the poor

response of the Haringey trial to

which you refer in your leading

Miss Gerrard (letter, January 15)

rightly points to the discouragement

potential respondents may have had

from the preamble on the Census

forms and to ethnic minorities' apprehension about the Government's Immigration and Race Rela-

tions policies. There was also more

powerful discouragement. The Haringey trial coincided, in the

weeks before the last election, with

renewed rumours about the Conser-

vative Party's intentions. In this

anxious atmosphere leaflets were

widely circulated by local cam-paigners which stated categorically,

but incorrectly, that there were plans which would make nationality

dependent on one's parents' nation-

ality and not on one's own birth-place. Being born in Britain would

thus not guarantee citizenship. Recipients of the leaflet were

warned not to answer questions

about their own parents' country of

From Mrs Juliet Cheetham

article (January 10).

few years as the country's foreign debt, already estimated at \$52,000 million, mounts higher. The government has decided to maintain economic growth in spite of the risks involved, and that means more borrowing. Difficulties will be eased by the impressive performance of Brazilian exports, stantly over the years. For a nine-month period last year they crease over the same period in mated to have amounted to at least two-thirds of export earnfears that the proportion could because of the recent rises in the price of oil. Thus if present

The predicament is important

So far Brazil has had no trouble raising money, though the terms are likely to become less favourable and the duration of the loans shorter. Senbor Delfim Netto is a man of experience, who was previously in office during the years of the "Brazilian economic miracle". He has a clear idea of what he wants to achieve. He hopes to continue the expansion of exports and to develop the enormous potential of Brazilian agriculture. He has also taken measures to encourage direct investment in Brazil. But his plans are essentially long-term in nature, and in the short term he has to steer Brazil through a rough patch, with inflation already up to 77 per cent and

there is no prospect of its ever being paid back. Nor can a country like Brazil be allowed to default. So the banks which have already lent money feel compelled to go on lending more and more, and it becomes more birth or about their ethnic origins. It would therefore not be surprising if the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys revealed a low response to both the question about parental

about racial or ethnic groups. Trials conducted in less fraught and muddled conditions are likely to produce a much more satisfactory response. The question about parental birthplace used in 1971 (to which there was a satisfactory response rate) is not entirely adequate, and after the 1981 Census will be totally inadequate, in that it fails to identify the children of ethnic minority parents born in this country. The long standing minority population of Cardiff and Liverpool will therefore not be recorded, as indeed they were not in the last Census. Despite this shortcoming this question may be the best available for 1981 because it avoids the classifications of race, colour and ethnicity which can be difficult to define clearly and which appear to offend some people. If no sensible alternative to the 1971 question can be found then it should e used next year but efforts must continue to devise a more satisfac-tory question for subsequent censuses. There is a good deal to be learnt from Americans who have grappled with problems similar to our own for much longer.

The Government must now underline firmly the absolute confiden-tiality and security of census data in the realization that it is certainly not only ethnic minorities who are anxious about this. It is these anxie-ties which could be the real reason for a poor census response, the understandable nightmare of every Registrar General, not the inclusion a question about parental birth-

reassured when it is made clear that census information will be used for positive purposes, as it has been in the past. The data from the 1971 Census provides the basis for distributing resources, through Section 11 of the 1966 Local Government Act, to particularly deprived areas with a high proportion of ethnic minority residents. It is also essential to the identification and elimination, through the 1976 Race Relations Act, of some racially dis-criminatory practices. All this will be seriously, perhaps fatally, under-



out Assessments to be made. And so on.

A process that can take anything from five minutes to five months. Or even longer.

Speaking for ourselves, we prefer to simplify the paperwork, for the sake of a speedy settlement.

Which is precisely how we coped with the mopping up of East Kent.

On January 12th, with the storm damage barely a day old, we set up an emergency claims centre in Canterbury.

Within two working days we had our own team of claims inspectors out and about on the waterways, personally totting up the cost of repairs.

In all, we paid out £115,000 from just one branch, to more than 400 policy hol- C_{+}

So they could start ASSURANCE rebuilding their lives, while others were still getting estimates.

- We won't make a drama ed down. Policies to be checked 1 out of a crisis.

There are details to be not-

formalities.



COURT CIRCULAR

5.ANDRINGHAM January 22: Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Rose Baring as Lady in Westing to The

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE January 22: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today addressed the Trade Associations. Conference which was held at the Mount Royal Hotel, W.1. Captain John Treadwell was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 22: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Tamezin Club, an activity-based gais' club under the direction of Opus Dei, at 1 Chelsea Embankment, London. Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, as principal speaker, will attend the annual dinner of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on February 13.

The Hon Mrs Algernon Heber-Percy gave birth to a daughter in London yesterday.

Birthdays today Lord Denning. 81: the Hon Hugh Fraser. MP. 62: Sir Arthur Lewis, 65; Sir James Lighthill. 56; Judge J. F. Marman, QC. 72; Lord Strathcarron, 56.

Forthcoming

marmages

Mr P. R. G. Clarke
and Miss F. L. Estcour!
The engagement is andounced
between Peter, youngest son of
the late Major John Clarke and
of Mrs Clarke, of Nevill's Lodge,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and
Frances, eldest daughter of Mr
and Mrs Noel Estrourt, of
Chispite, Salisburg, Rhodesia.

Mr D. A. K. Mayers and Miss E. M. Williams
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ketth Mayers, of Ceres Estate, Nakuru, Kenya, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Williams, of Oxford.

Mr S. K. H. Straughn
and Dr L. A. C. Firth
The engagement is announced
between Stephen, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs G. E. S. Straughn, of
St Michael, Barbados, and Lisa,
only danginer of Mr J. M. Firth,
of Kingston, Sorrey.

The engagement is announced between Patrick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T. L. G. Target, of Gestlen Water, Frampton, Dorset, and Samantins, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. D. Smithson, of Cato Bodge, Giston Road, Londrin.

The imersiage took piece quietly inglondon on December 22, 1979, between Mr Donald Chilton, of Ventaire, and little Ame Gravil, of Flontius. A receptor was held at the bottom of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Cymrus in late February.

stest appointments Langet appointments include: Collinet Sir John Gilmour, aged 57 300 be Lord Lieutenant of Fife, larguetession to Lord Klimany, Mr. William Clark, vice-president rjenterest relations of the World rik, to be president of the Inter-tional Institute for Environment

evelopment, in succession to see Jackson of Lodsworth. Award for slate quarry The klechwedd sinte quarry at Blaenae Filistiniog, North Wales, held, opened to the public in 1972, tar-won the runner-up certificate in fine amusi Silver Otter international amusical silver otter interna-

See of Warwick There is to be a new suffragan see in the diocese of Coventy, to be called the Suffragan See of Warmick, bringing to 61 the number. of sees in the provinces of Cornerbury and York.



Mr Michael Noakes, the artist, painting a portrait of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, who is 81 today. The portrait has been commissioned by Butterworth's who will publish Lord Denning's new Book "The Due Process of Law", on February 7.

Bard, President of the Anglo-Jewish Association, and Mrs Victor Lucas, Chairman of the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Women's Group. Among the guesta were: Lord and Ledy Lever of Manchester, so the Committee of Manchester, and Ledy Warre, by Sigmund and Lidy Stemberg, the Ministor at the Israell Embassy and Mrs Gideon Yarden. Mr and Mrs Clepnens N. Nathan, Mr and Mrs Robert Carvalhe, and Mr and Mrs Harold Sebag-Montehere.

The Byron Society held a reception at Brown's Hotel yesterday evening before a lecture given by the Hon Sir Steven Runciman on Byron's Constantinople. Lieu-

stded and Mr Ian Scott-Kilvert was chairman of the lecture. The Greek Ambassador was among

Prime Prime Minister was host at a dinner held on Monday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Sir Kenneth and Lady Keith. Other

guests were:

Sir Keith Joseph, AIP, Mr Francis
Pym, MP, the Hon Hugh Fraser, MP,
Mr William Deedes, Mr Gerden
Richardson, Str Lemos Howite, Air Chief
Marshal Sir Michael Boetham, Admiral
Sir Honry Loach, Str Dena Rayner.
Sir Franc McFadzean, Sir Stoniey
Hooker, Sir Robert Clark, Str John
King, Mr T. A. Wilson, Mr Roy A.
Anderson, Mr David C Garpett, Jr.
Colonel Frank Borman, Mr William 1.
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Soss Steinton, Mr David C Garpett, Mr
Soss Steinton, Mr D. Pepper, Mr
Ross Steinton, Mr D. Pepper, Mr
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Tim Lankester.

Byron Society

Dinners

Prime Minister

guests were :

Luncheons

Commonwealth Parliamentary

Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, deputy chairman, United Kingdom branch, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, was host at a luncheon given by the branch and members of the British-Canadian group in the House of Commons yesterday in honour of M Claude Charron. leader of the Quobec National Assembly, and the members of the Quebec Parliamentary Commission on Select Committees visiting Westminster.

West India Committee The West India Committee gave a luncheon yesterday at the Charing Cross Hotel in honour of the Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados Mr Bernard St John, QC, and his delegation. The Chairman of the West India Committee, Mr R. F. Burman, presided.

Angio-Spanish Society The Angio-Spanish Society held their annual function at the Martines Spanish Restaurant yesterday. Sir Peter Allen, chalman of the society, was in the chair and Lord St Oswald was the guest of honour. The Spadish Ambassador and the Marquesa de Perinat were among those present.

Receptions

West Africa Committee West Africa Committee
The council of the West Africa
Committee held a reception yesterday evening at the Army and
Navy Club for Ambassadors, high
commissioners and heads of mission of countries in West Africa.
Members of Her Majesty's Government and their senior officials
were also present.

Memorial service

Joan Viscountess Ingleby
A memorial service for Joan Viscountess Ingleby was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton.

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Science report Pharmacology: Uses for cannabis

By Our Medical Correspondent Cannabis appears in many pharms-copoeias, but it is rarely used medicinally nowadays. However, a report from the Harrard Medi-cal School suggests that cannabis derivatives may prove useful in the treatment of some patients

with cancer.

Most of the recent improvements in the results of cancer treatment have come from the use ments in the results of cancer treatment have come from the use of powerful drugs such as cyclophosphamide and methorexate, which destroy rapidly dividing cancer cells. The main drawback of these drugs is their side-effects: almost invariably they cause severe nauses and vomiting.

Prolonged courses of drug treatment are distressing for patients,

relatives and nursing and medical staff. The Harvard research group has been studying the effects of Delta - 9 - Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, the active ingredient of cannabis in the prevention of vomiting in these patients. They compared treatment with THC and with a conventional anti-vomiting drug, prochlorperazine, in 73 patients with cancer being treated with drugs.

chlorperazine was completely effective in only 16 treatments.

Of the 25 patients who expressed a preference, 20 said they preferred THC to the other drug. Most of the patients who benefited from THC experienced a "high" while taking the drug, whereas those who got no "high" also received little benefit.

These results suggest that THC may prove a safe and effective addition to the drugs already available for treating the nauses and comiting associated with anticancer drugs, but clearly further studies will be needed.

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of Jerusalem The Anglo-Jewish Association and the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem held a reception yesterday evening at Burlington House after a private view of the Post impressionism Exhibition. Guesta were received by Dr Basil Bard. President of the Anglo-Jewish Association and Ministry

Latest estates include (net. before tax paid; tax not disclosed). bix paid; mx not disclosed.

Coleman, Mr William Remember Peter, of Gosforth ... £130,992
Fisher of Camden, Lord, of St John's Wood, president of the Board of Deputies of the British Jews andi last July ... £136,452
Heaton, Mrs Mary Frances, of Little Budworth, Cheshire £276,554
March, Dr Gordon Humpbrey, of Canford Cliffs, Dorset ... £318,551
Huws, Mr Richard Glynne Watkin, of Rhosening, Gwynedd £126,463
Rooke, Mr William Midgley, of Nawton, York ... £136,436
Spratt, Mr Kenneth James, of Sunbury-on-Thames, intestate

Whittington, Mr John Charles, of

Auglo-Jewish Association and Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Community leaders on Iona yes-terday met the new lairds of the island, the National Trust for Scotland. The trust had made a formal declaration that the Island would in future be inalienable-land and could never be removed from national ownership except by Act of Parliament.

Lord Wemyss, president and Mr James Stormonth Darling, direc-tor, headed a group of trust offi-cials on a visit to the Island, which suffers from tourism.

Some islanders feared the National Trust's encouragement of National Trust's encouragement of visitors to the buildings and sites in its care would only compound lona's difficulties. In summer half a million tourists swell the population from a winter level of about 80. This invasion has overloaded the island's water supply, drains,

accommodation, refuse...and effectivity service.

There was uncertainty on long when the Duke of Argyli unexpectedly put the island on the market last year offer his family had owned the land for centuries. The famous cathedral and church buildings were firmly protected in trust but 1,900 acres consisting of two farms and 15 crofts and common grazings were advertised for the best bid.

The trust offered £500,000—considerably more than the agricultural value of the land—and the duke made clear that was far below his expectations. The Hugh accommodation, refuse and elec-

below his expectations. The Hugh Frasel Poundation then acquired the island to memory of Lord Fraser of Allander for more than film. Iona was then made over to the

National Trust so the duke got his money, the trust its island and Lord Fraser an enduring memorial.

A sale of minor Victorian paint ings and drawings at Sotheby's Beigravia totalled £41,598, with only 11 lots or 4 per cent unsold.

That was a considerably better result than had been expected; pictures at the lower end of the

Diamonds and emeralds outshine gold at auction The top price in the sale was f12,000 (estimate £5,000 to £10,000) for a pair of diamond earrings each set with an old circular cut brilliam weighing roughly 6.6 carars.

Iona islanders meet

their new lairds

By Geraldine. Norman
Sale Room Correspondens
Phillips' jewel sale vesterday
made £185,785, with 5 per cent
unsold. The prices did not seem
to be bolstered by gold fever; an
18-carat fleadble gold bracelet
welghing roughly three oinces
was sold for £700 to an Inlian
huyer, a price of just over.£200
an ounce; well below the sensational buillion prices of recent
days.

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Phillips had set as estimate of Phillips had set an estimate of £350 to £400 on it when they sent their estimate sheet to the printer three weeks or so ago.

If gold fever is now old hat, as the auction seemed to indicate, trade buyers were paying well over the odds for good stenes, whether diamonds, emeralds or sapphires. It was quality rather than quantity that was making the money. A circular immounted brilliant diamond weighing \$1.1 carats was sold for £2,200 (estimate £1,600 to £2,000) while \$3 thy brilliants weighing \$1.3 carats were sold for £2,400.

Today's engagements

The Queen dines in officers' mess, RAF Marham, 8.15.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Chancellor of London University, presides at ceremony for presentation of degrees, Royal Albert Hall, 2.

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Royal Albert Hall, 2.

Exhibitions: Pollatuolo to Picasso,
Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, 10 to 5;
André Kertese, photographs,
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington
Gardens, 10 to 4.30.

Talks: Open University: "The
First Decade", by Lord Perry,
Royal Society of Arts, John
Adam Street, Westminster, 6;

pictures at the lower end of the Victorian picture market have been falling steadily in price for six months or so, and yesterday saw a significant recovery, according to the auctioneers. The top price was £3,000 (estimate £400 to £800) for a pair of rural scenes by George Lara, "The hay wain and "A country path".

In Bond Street, Sotheby's sale of Oriental ceramics and works of art made £24,909, with 11 per cent unsold. At Christie's, English porcelain proved slightly more difficult to sell; the sale totalled £32,508, with 15 per cent unsold. "Creating a production", by Michael Geliot, London Coli-seum, St Martin's Lane, 1 Poetry resding: Lord Bernard Miles, St Lawrence Jawry, 1.15.

Miles, St Lawrence Jewry, 1.15.
Lunchtime music: Susan Bicknell,
viola, and Jane Dodd, plane, St.
Olave, 1.05; organ recipal by
Richard Townend, St Margaret
Lothbury, 1.10; organ recipal
by Charles Spanner, St Bride's,
Fleet Spreat, 1.15

Roquiem Mass: Mr George Wood-cock, Westminster Cathedral, 1.15 pm; Archbishop of the West Indies, St. Mary Mag-dalene, Munster Square, NW1,

Architecture report

British Museum unveils invisible new asset behind the Western Pavilion

By Charles McKean Although parts of the long-awaited extension to the British Museum have been in use for many months, the whole complex was opened formally for the first time yesterday. Those who have already visited the fescinating exhibition of Cypriot antiquities, or sampled the pleasures of the new public restaurant, will be aware of how greatly the new facilities add to the piace.

The building in question is virtually invisible from the surser, bidden for the most part behind

The building in question is virtually invisible from the street, bidden for the most part behind the Western Pawilion. When the nuseum was first designed, in architect, Robert Suirks, designed two self-contained resident pavilions to east and west, linked to the main building only by a corridor which itself screened the private garden behind. The late Victorians built over the eastern corridor in an imitation neoclassical style. The new development builds over the western corridor in no style at all. It is deliberately designed so as to be invisible.

Keeping cornice height of the pavilion and the main nuseum, the new extension consists of the original corridor, topped by a two-storey blank stone wall capped, in its turn, by a further two storeys of reflective glass offices. The architect's intenion is that the stone wall will soon become screened from view by specially planted ivy. It has been designed as a moe concept, a mibute to the neoclassicism of the original building: neoclassicism appreciated ivy-clad walls.

The skill deployed in keeping the new building invisible is considerable. It is a large building—five storeys plus basement and over 100 fr long. It contains a new double-height gallery for travelling exhibitions, with preparation as storage room below; an antechamber: a new public restaurant; a new directors' boardroom; and two floors of open-plan offices above. The total cost, which included substantial conversion of the west wing of the museum, was \$2.5m.

The skull lies not in simply designing a "now con see it, now

The skill lies not in simply designing a "now you see it, now you don't" building. By any standards, the task was formed-

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Yugoslavia lead with 144 and

The Soviet Union greatly improved their position by beating Stretien by six to two though in this round the former world champion Tal was beaten by the Swede karkson. The world champion the streties of the

Karpov. communes indefferently; he drew with Anderson in this

he drew with Anderson in this round and has not won a game

Israel in

chess contest

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

able. That can be gauged from the fact that the new building is contiguous with other buildings on the majority of its frontages. The architects have therefore devised a clerestory of glass above the stone facede, which lets the only natural light to reach into the building penetrets down to the public restaurant, the staff restaurant and also into a special viewing gallary in the directors' boardroom, where natural light is easential for the accurate viewing of possible acquisitions.

The architects themselves

The architects themselves likened the product to a pigantic bethroom extension—a building problem which can present similar difficulties of matural light and of

difficulties of matural light and or keeping in character with an existing building.

It is good that at last there is a fine modern building which the public can visit and use. It displays a quality which, of late, has been reserved for wealthier private businesses or the Lord Mayors' and chief executives' suites in new local anthority headquarters.

The public restaurant can be reached along the old corridor (more politely called the Brome Age Gallery), past the Early Greek room and up a few steps, where the new world is signified by the gleaming steel handrails. It is on the ground floor of a double-height space, the staff restaurant being cantilevered out above rather like a balcony. Both restaurant share the light and the view of the trees from the glazed clerestory. That left the daunting possibility of having a two-storey blank wall surrounding the restaurant, instead, the architects used two devices to create interest.

First, on the west wall of the restaurant, there will be erected a reproduction of that part of the Parthenon frieze which is missing from the marbles that Lord Elgin looted from that building. It is the correct length to cover most of the wall. Secondly, above that and continuing round the second wall, is a form of darkstained timber trellis behind which ity and other plants are growing in a recess in the wall.

The effect is perhaps less that of Charles Rennie Mackinrosh (which was the effect destreed) than of a tompe froid!. For what it does is to convey an amazing impression of three dimensions.

providing the chance for the play of light and shade. When the plants makine they will form hangng gardens.

plants makure they will form hanging gardens.

A further point of interest is that this is the first building completed by the architect, Professor Colin St John Wilson, in the past 10 years. Wilson, a former parmer of St Leslie Martin and designer or co-designer of a number of major buildings such as the Oxford law library, has been much pre-occupied with the Eritish Museum, and the Bridish Library projects.

The current project as completed is barely more than half the size of the 1972 proposal, while the Bridish Library scheme, after several years of development was relocated from Great Russell Strees to beside St Pancras Station only a short while ago. It is one thing to have the change to design someof Eritain's most estremed schemes; it is quite another to be caught in a decade of governmental indecision and changing public values, with the result that, although the office is fully occupied, there is little to show for it.

So what does this new building

for it.

So what does this new building show? For various good reasons, the archinects have dispensed with a facade or the necessity to consider the creation of external space; the location is inappropriate.

priate.

The interior shows a skill in The interior shows a skill in jugging so many disparate uses within a tight structure adjacent to one of the county's foremost, monuments. The quality of space and light is the two restaurants is unusually good for a modern public building. Yet there is a house.

public building. Yet there is a house.

There is not very much that one could say about this building which could, so to speak, mark a Wilson trademark. It may be that it is in this that the true effect of the 10-year delay is apparent. An architect develops his skill through designing and building, and refining upon what is built. In the lopg run the only way to test something is by building it.

It is greatly to be hoped that further vacilation will not delay the British Library so that St John the British Library so that St John Wilson has to wait another 10 years. Putting fine architectural

best way of preserving it.

Old Vic plans include three separate companies

By Kenneth Gosling.

Arts Reporter
Timothy West, the actor, who takes over next week as artistic director of the Old Vic Company, announced plans yesterday which he admitted were "a gamble that I hope will pay off". israet's hold on the lead in the finals of the European Team Chess Championship was brief. In the third round at Skara, in Sweden, they were soundly beaten 3-2 by Yugoslavia with one adjourned name. rigostavia lead wert 14; and one adjourned game, followed by the Soviet Union 14. Israel 12 with one adjourned, Bulgaria and Hunsary 11;. Czechoslovakia 11 and one adjourned, England 10 and one adjourned and Sweden 9;

if the company was disap-pointed in what the Arts Councal was able to give it (at present £320,000), the whole plan would have to be recast, be said.

he said.

Apart from money from the council and the GLC, the rest would have to be found by individual sponsors, private benefactors and the box office.

Mr West said that future productions would be former with the former ductions would be fewer, with smaller casts, to cut costs. Setround and has not won a game vet.

Bulgaria drew with Hungary 4-4 and England lost to Czechoslovakia by 22 to 42 and one adjourned game is game but this adjourned game is game but this adjourned game is but this appearance game is continuous presented in the second game is but the second game is but this appearance game is game in the second game in the second game is game in the second game is game in the second game in the second game is game in the second game in the second game in the second game is game in the second game in the second game in the second game is game in the second game in the second game in the second game is game in the second game in th

I hope that, given attractive plays, intelligent and imagina-tive direction and, above all, a thoroughly high standard of performance throughout, my gamble with pay off ", he said.

There would be a subscription booking scheme, intended as a prototype for similar

as a prototype for similar organizations.

Next September, Perer O'Toole, who is to become one of two new associate directors, will appear in Macbeth, to be joined in repertoire by Markowe's The Jew of Malta.

At Christmas Pinero's Trelauny of the Wells, in its first London performance for 15 years, will celebrate two anniversaries linking two theatresthe reopening by Emma Cous on Rosang Day, 1620, of the Old Vic as the Royal Victoria Ball and Coffee Tavero: and the half-centenary in 1981 of the helf-centenary in 1981 of the present Sedier's . Wells

The other associate director to be appointed, Mr. Jack Emery will take charge of marketing, publicary and fund-

OBITUARY

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR GEORGE PIRIE

Former Inspector-General of RAF

Air Chief, Marshal Sir George 1943, until June, 1945, as Direc-Pirie, KCB, KBE, CB, MC, DFC, tor General of Organization. died on January 21 at the age of 83. He was an all-round type of operational theatre was shortofficer who maintained through-out the higher appointments that fell to him in his later career, a close understanding of lived as he went out as Deputy Air Commander in Chief, Air Commander-in-Chief, Air Command, South East Asia, two months before the surrender of Japan. Instead of fighting an enemy Pirie spent the immethe thought and feelings of those in the junior ranks of the Service. This warm human understanding made him an out-standing Commander in Chief diate post-war period first under Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, and later as Commander-in-Chief himself, contending with the difficult problems that demobilization and inspector-General and guided him in the pursuit of better living conditions for the Service which he fought for

Service which he fought for arduously as Air Member for Supply and Organization.
George Clark Pirie was born on July 28, 1896, the son of Dr. Pirie of Pittenweem, Fife, and was educated at Fettes College and St Andrews University. He volunteered for military service from the university and in September, 1914, was commissioned in the Scottish Rifles with whom he served until he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps brought. In a distant command and a trying climate the fairness of the age and service scheme was not always apparent to some airmen and the fact that the widespread dissatisfaction had no more serious repercussions than it did owed much to the wise counsel of Pirie. That the Air Council appreciated his contribution to the stilling of Air Council appreciated his contribution to the stilling of the discontent was confirmed by his appointment as Air Commander-in-Chief in 1946. During the war he had been appointed CBE (1942) and CB (1943) and In 1946 he was advanced to KBE. He devoted himself with great energy to adapting the Air Force in the Far East to its new peace-time commitments and travelled widely over the vast area of his Command on visits to units. The improvements he was able to affect in living conditions were of great importance and when he came home to become inspector-General in 1948 he extended this form of endeavour in the RAF generally.

In September, 1948, he became Air Member for Supply and Organization, with the task of implementing the many recommendations he had made as Cin-C, Far East, and as inspector-General for improvements in living conditions in the Service. The RAF had to take its place with the pressing needs of the civil population for housing and amenities, and progress was slow. But he saw he served until he was seconded to the Royal Plying Corps
In August, 1917, gallantry displayed while working with the artillery earned him the Military Cross. He was granted a permanent commission in 1919 and two years, later was awarded the DFC dwing operations in the relief of Diwaniyah. Among his later posts was his appointment, in 1933, to the Directorate of Operations and Intelligence at the Air Ministry. He became a Deputy Director before being sent out to try. He occame a Deputy Direc-tor before being sent out to Washington as Air Attaché in 1937. For four years he held this important overseas post which grew in significance and importance when the war came and the United States built up its military production as the proclaimed "Arsenal of Demo-

getting closer to the field of operations when he went out to the appointment of Ak. Officer in charge of Administrative progress was slow. But he saw che first steps in many innovations which in time would see his wishes fulfilled.

In March, 1949, he was proposed to the building moted to Air Chief Marshal and from 1950 to 1951, when he retired, he was fleed of the came home he was given the wider scope of applying his administrative abilities for a short time as Director of War Kemedy. They had one son Organisation and from July, and a daughter.

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set out exposition of language, the product of a disciplined and scholarly, yet unpretentious mind, he made an inestimable

contribution to Modern Langu-

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MR W. F. H. WHITMARSH

Mr W. F. H. Whitmarch, who: Course and its successor A New was an influential figure in the Simpler French Course provided sphere of foreign language the "O" level student with teaching, died on January 2 at examination skills and practice, the age of 79: Since his first book was published in 1935, over eight million copies of his where Modern Language teaching is still considered academic have been sold throughout this ally visible. For "A" level have been sold throughout the English-speaking world.

cracy".
When he returned bome in

August, 1941, he was given com-mand of the RAF in Northern

Ireland but within a few weeks he was given his opportunity of getting closer to the field of

Born in Shepton Mallet in 1900, Whitmarsh was educated at Handsworth Grammar School, Birmingham, and at Birmingham University, where he gained a first class Honousis degree in French He was Reader in English at the Universities of Pointers and Clermont Ferrend successively, before entering teaching at the Royal Liberty School, Essex, as its first Head of French He retired from teaching in 1954 to devote

from teaching in 1954 to devote strong today after 45 years. Indeed, after a period in which His books encompassed the superficially more attractive whole range of language teaching methods of language teaching ing, from the initial sugges to have been fashiomable, a new university level. Carefully structing impetus to sales of Whitmarsh tread could be language to have been fashiomable. university isval. Carefolly structimpetus to sales of Whitmarsh tured courses instilled confidence in even the most to the tried and successful bewildered of pupils encounter structured method, ensuring ing a foreign language for the gentle progression and growing first time. A Simpler French

MR SPENCER CURTIS BROWN

age of 73, will be remembered as one of the foremost lineary agents in the world. He was educated at Harrow and at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and joined the Curtis Brown agency, which had been started in London by his futher, Albert Curtis Brown, at the very end of the 19th century,

he worked for the Poinsh forces in exile as personal adviser to General Sikorski and subsequently joined the Intelligence Corps. In 1945 he became Chairman of his firm, and nearly twenty years later he founded John Cushman Associates, New York, having parted company

. Mr Spencer Curtis Brown with Curtis Brown New York, who died on January 16 at the site. Me American arm of the agency age of 73, will be remembered which had been founded by his as one of the foremost literary father. Shortly before his retirement as Charman in 1968 (he remained life President of Curtis Brown) he sold his busi-ness to Industrial Finance Investments Ltd (later Dawnay

Spencer Curtis Brown made his father's agency the foremost international literary agency in He began by running the the teeth of assablished comagency's drama department petition, notably from A. P. Watt and J. B. Pinker. He was as Manager in 1936. During the as brewd and discrimination in Second World War, after a his choice of novelists as he short spell in the British Army, he worked for the Polish forces a nose for important non-fiction, has been a great and according to the property of the state and according to the property of the state and according to the property of the both trade and academic. To read the list of authors for whom Curtis Brown acted during Spencer's chairmanship is to believe that there were very few writers of importance who have not been clients of the

University news

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Mr Douglas Cray, university
lecturer in English language and
fellow of Pembroké Collège, has
been elected to the newly created
J. R. R. Tolkien professorship of
English literature and language,
with effect from October 1.

Sir Kenneth Alexander, professor of economics at Strathchide University and chairman of the Highlands and Islands Development Board, has been appointed principal and vice-chancellor.

Corrections

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The heading of Durium was omitted above the appointments of Miss Deborah Lavin as Principal of Trevelyan College and Mijohn Ruffle as Keeper of the Gulberdsian Museum in University appointments on December 28.

The following name was omitted from the Cambridge University elections and awards: Queens' College: Exhibitions, mathemanics: A. M. Eastwood, Manchester Grammar School:

J. P. Cowell, School of St. Helen, and St. Katharine, Abioglon, and L. Ertugrul. St. Pan's Girls' School, were awarded achotacships to your modern immenses at Newships to your modern immenses at Newships of College, Cambridge, and not eshibitions as previously stated.

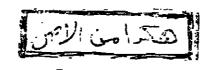
Maritime Museum The reading room and library of the National Marking Moseum-will be closed for annual stock-tiking from Vehrunay 18 to Febru-ary 22, inclusive.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Jan 22, 1955 US prisoners in China

From Our United Nations

From Our United Nanous
Correspondent
New York, Jan 21.—The United Nations headquarters, no less than American public opinion, was electrified this morning by the news that the People's Republic of China had agreed to provide facilities for relatives to visit those Americans who had been convicted as spies as well as those whose cases are still under investigation by the Chinese. This offer was made by Mr Chou Enlat, the Chinese Prime Mimster, to Mr Hammerskilld, the United Nations Secretary-Ceneral during their recent takes in Pelving. The Chinese move is certainly calculated to catch the imagination of the world and most of all the American people; it is clear that this apparently humanitarian gesture is a first-class propaganda move. The Department of Defense to the relatives him made it clear that the Duland States has no diplomatic relations with the Pelving Government, they made it clear that the Duland States has no diplomatic relations with the Pelving Government, they made it clear that the Duland States has no diplomatic relations with the Pelving Government, they made it clear that the Duland States has no diplomatic relations with the Pelving Government, they made it clear that the Duland States has no diplomatic relations but apparently the State Department is willing to print them peoplets. The Chinese offer applies not only so the 11 minutes attack of a imprisonment who were sentenced about the same time, and so four memwere sense on the crown about the same time, and so four members of the crew of an American jet shoraft shot down later

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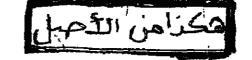


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Sterling \$2.2755 down 85 points Index 72.0 down 0.3

Dollar

Index 84.3 down 0.5 Gold

\$690 an ounce down \$135 3-month money

Inter-bank 174 to 171 Euro \$ 141 to 141

IN BRIEF

Lloyd's not opposed to Bowring takeover

Lloyd's of London yesperday confirmed that it would not be opposed to a takeover of C. T. Bowring by Marsh & McLennan of America if Marsh agreed to divest itself of 75 per cent of Bowring's Lloyd's interests.

Alarmed by the threat of a series of American takeovers, Lloyd's announced two years ago that ir would not normally allow outside interests to con-trol more than 20 per cent of a Lloyd's company. But Lloyd's relaxed this rule soon afterwards when the American group, Frank B. Hall, was allowed to retain 25 per cent of the Lloyd's interests of Leslie

There has been speculation on whether Marsh & McLennan, which has launched a £240m bid for Bowring, would be prepared to accept a similar ruling although M & M chairman, Mr. John Regan has always said that he would shide by any Lloyd's

Mr Solomon moves

Mr Anthony Solomon, the American Under-Secretary of the Treasury, responsible for monetary affairs, is to leave Washington and take up a new post as president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank He will monitor the city's commercial hanking system and foreign. tial banking system and foreign

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Lord Kagan to be sued Lord Kagan, the missing raincoar magnate, is to be sued by Kagan Textiles, the company he formerly headed for recovery of "substantial" sums of money which the company alleges he misappropriated. The co solicitor said that Lord Kagan had resigned as chairman of the company with immediate

Answer to export fall

Improvements in product design, reliability and servicing are needed if Britain is to halt the decline in export trade according to a discussion docu-ment published by the National Economic Development Council

Bad exporters, page 21

Howard Johnson up

Howard Johnson, the American restaurants chain, which is the subject of a \$630m (£276m) agreed takeover bid from Imperial Group, has aunounced net profits of \$34.3m (£15m) for 1979, a rise of just 2 per cent on the previous year.

Mr E. Yeo's new post

Mr Edwin Yeo, former United Mr Edwin Yeo, former United States Treasury Under-secretary for Monetary Affairs, bas resigned from a top post in commercial banking to become senior financial adviser to Mrs. Jane Byrne, Mayor of Chicago.

Telegram costs rise

The Post Office is to increase charges for telegrams by an average of 35 per cent; from April 1. The corporation says it is determined to improve the loss-making service.

Wall Street down

On the New York Stock Exchange yesterday the Dow Jones industrial average fell from 872.78 to 866.21. The special drawing right for the dollar was down from 1.31975 to 1.31748. Sterling was 0.577715.

Sharp increase in jobless clear evidence of UK slide into recession

Unemployment rose sharply this month to its highest level since last spring. There is now no doubt that the economy has turned into recession, and the jobiess total is likely to go on rising throughout this year.

Adult unemployment in Britain jumped by 43,900 to tain jumped by 43,900 to 1,277,600 this month, after taking account of seasonal for ing account of seasonal factors. This represents 5.4 per cent of

the workforce.
The Government attempted to ward off criticism over the figures in Parliament yesterday by concentrating on the link between high wages, and unemployment. Both the Prime Minister and Mr James Prior, the Employment the Employment Secretary, made the point that unions must bargain responsibly to avoid pricing their members out of work.

The Department of Employment said that the rise was consistent with the worklwide move into recession after the very large oil price rises at the end of last year. It also emphasized that in the United Kingdom this is exacerbated by

dom, this is exacerbated by high pay awards—now running at about 18 per cent.

However, memployment has long been expected to rise because of falling demand and a slowdown in course, whether because of falling demand and a slowdown in output, whether or not pay rises slacken. The slide into recession this year is expected to push the jobless total well over 1,500,000. The month-by month lengthening of the dole queues will add to the controversy over the Govern-

Ship losses

doubled in

Insurance Correspondent

Insurance chiefs

record for disasters at sea.

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insurance companies in per-ticular had been under intense

pressure over the retes they charged shipowners as a result

of increasing world competi-

rion. The world insurance indus-

try has been beset by a huge increase in cases of marine fraud, mainly involving suspect cargo claims, particularly in the Far East.

ILU officials said yesterday

that, after last year's four-month investigation into Far Eastern shipping frauds, there

were indicacions that the growing tide of bogus claims had at least been checked.

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It also seems that overseas insurers who created the fiercely competitive chimase by attempting to expand their hull business, have become alarmed at the claims involved and have started to restrict their portfolios.

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a year

By Richard Allen

INEMPLOYMENT IN GR

ment's as yet unpublished pro-posals to break the link between unemployment benefit and prices.

1979

Total number on the unemployment register earlier in January was 1,362,061 in Britain, and 1,424,927 in the United Kingdom as a whole. There was a rise of 6,711 in the number of unemployed school-leavers, no doubt partly as a result of people leaving school at Christmas. There are now at Christmas. There are 42,423 first-time job hunters in Britain.

Economists have been predicting an upturn in the under-lying level of unemployment for several months. This month's figures therefore come as little surprise. However, the jump between December and January 6 was particularly marked.

Job vacancies give a good guide, in conjunction with the unemployment figures, to the state of the labour markets. Vacancies notified to employ-

ment offices have now been falling steadily, after seasonal adjustment, for seven months. The pace at which job openings are disappearing has speeded up in the last two months. There was a drop of 13,000 ip January, following a fall of 15,000 in December.

Officials believe that the steel strike may have made the figures worse this month. While it had not had time to cause any lay-offs by the day of the jobless count, publicity about the strike may have made some employers

reluctant to take on new staff or even to fill vacancies.

Another factor this month was that 34,000 fewer people liave been taken off the register by special job schemes. About 344,000 were covered by such measures at the end of Decem-

Regional disparities in un-employment often tend to widen in recession. This appears to be happening now, as the jobless totals in already hard-hit areas such as the North, North-west, Wales and Scotland have risen more than in the prosperous South.

Cyclical indicators released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday showed a downturn in the longer leading indicator for the seventh month running. This is supposed to foreshadov changes in economic activity by about a year. The shorter lead-ing indicator rose last month, but this is likely to prove an

Metals prices drop in wake of gold's fall

not appear to be in the market

bave hunched a bitter attack on intersectional shipping organ-izations after the worst year on Merchant shipping tonnege lost last year amounted to 2.3 million almost one million tous gross over the 1978 figure,

Comments from Mr Paul Voicker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, made the markets think that the United States was planning large sales of gold in the near future. However his remarks were probably misinterpreted.

Silver prices crashed on the commodity exchange in New York yesterday on the first full day of trading since the authorities imposed a ban on any new speculative buying.

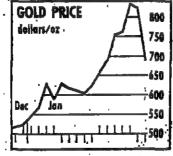
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silver market delayed its open-ing to review the New York measures, it too has imposed additional restrictions, benning new positions in the January, February and March positions, requiring traders to liquidate their February holdings gradu-

does not have the order im-balance which threatens to destroy the New York market. As they struggled to cope with the regulations yesterday dealers were split on what was

the threat that those holding contracts would demand delivery, or the danger that the Comex would lose business permanently to the less restricted market in London.

Silver and copper prices both followed the trend in gold and retreated. At the afternoon close copper cash wire bars were £105 down at £1,213.50 per tonge and three months was £92,50 down at £1,220.



vestors must be whether the gold price full will upset development plans.

German banks move against Iran

Bonn, Jan 22

West German banks are now supporting the sanctions against Iran proposed by the Bonn government to back the United States in its efforts to secure the release of the hostages in the Tehran embassy.

According to senior officials in the finance ministry, latest figures from the West German federal bank and the banking supervisory office in Berlin show that the banks are broadly complying on a voluntary basis with four points put forward at the end of December.

These are that the German banks should grant no new credits to official Iranian bodies, open no new accounts on their behalf, avoid switching Iranian funds out of dollars and be prepared to use any irregularity to declare loans in

But it emerged today that West Germany and France have played what appears to be a major role in dissuading the United States from calling for further economic sauctions against Iran at this stage. Last-minute diplomatic inter-

President Carter from announc-ing far-reaching steps such as trade boycott at the weekend. Meanwhile, negotiations be-

vention by the two countries is thought to have stopped

tween the United States and West Germany on further

economic sactions against the guaranteed export credits—is Sovier Union after the invasion policy not followed by any of of Afghanistan are stalled.

West Germany is already a party to the EEC decision to step into the gap created by President Carter's decision to withhold 17 million tonnes of grain from the Russians and is willing to discuss halting ex-ports of high technology goods.

But on the issue of curbing credits to the Soviet Union there is no identity of interest between the United States and

Germany unlike the United States, Britain and France, has never granted the Soviet Union state or state-subsidized credits. On the other hand it has

policy not followed by any of the other major western powers. Therefore Germany cannot

join in any sanctions involving state or subsidized credits and argues that to tamper with the guarantees would involve a breach of treaty with the Soviet Union. Bonn claims this is a step Mr Carter himself is not prepared to contemplate.

The problem concerning guarantees results from a clause in last year's 25-year economic cooperation treaty between the USSR and West Germany which stipulates that Bonn cannot discriminate against the Soviet Union when it comes to giving

£30m bid for Net sales of unit trusts **Armitage** Shanks by

Blue Circle By Rosemary Unsworth the lowest since 1962. Blue Circle Industries, the

cement group, has emerged as the bidder for Armitage Shanks, Britain's last independent sanitary ware manufacturer. The terms of the agreed bid, which values Armitage at about £30m, mean that Blue Circle will offer two of its shares for every six Armitage shares or one Blue Circle ordinary share plus 258p

The first offer values Armitage at 95p a share and the second at 901p a share. Blue Circle also plans to recommend a final dividend of 12.4p gross, making 17.8p, which will be paid to Armirage shareholders taking up the principal offer. This is equal to 4.1p gross for each Armitage share.

Armitage Shanks share dealings were suspended on Monday at 56p after months of rumours about possible takeover offers But market men had expected moves from either Norcros, the tiles group which took over Johnson Richards last year, or Marley.

Blue Circle, whose offer for Armitage is its first major diversification move, said that since 1974 there had been limited growth potential for coment in the United Kingdom. "We have been attempting to widen our base by developing non-coment activities and the offer is part of our general strategy.

The group plans to increase its involvement in the home improvements industry where Armitage is already established with its 30 per cent share of the smitary ware market.

Armitage will remain a sepa-rate entity under its existing management, retaining its identity and trade names, according to Blue Circle.

If the offer becomes unconditional, Mr Kanneth Shanka, Armitage's joint managing director, will join the Blue Circle board. Mr Kennedy Campbell, the Armitage chairman, plans or reits. to retire.

Armitage's major shareholder, the Dutch-based Ceramic Is-vesiment which holds a 21 per cent stake acquired in the past 18 months, has not yet an-nounced its intentions over the News of the offer brought Blue Circle's share price down

18p to 270p yesterday, Share dealings in Armitage Shanks Financial Editor, page 21

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the lowest since 1962

Unit trust gross sales in 1979 were the third highest on record at £412m, but after repurchases of £354m net sales of £58m were

Mr Cholmeley Messer, chairman of the Unit Trust Association, said last night that he was disappointed sales were not higher but not surprised at the level of repurchases, which he did not consider abnormal for the industry.

Last year's statistics compare very unfavourably with 1978, when new sales reached £530m, while ner investment was a record £236m.

Net sales, which were very minspired in the first three-quarters of 1979, went into a tail-spin in the last quarter, to emerge at only £7m. Like other savings institutions, the unit trust industry was not immune to the consequences of the Nov. to the consequences of the Nov-ember economic package. That month repurchases exceeded new investment by £1.6m. Gross sales in December were the lowest for the year.

"Unitholders", said Mr Messer, "are not going to come back unless they have confi-dence in equicies." The industry had no suitable alternative to offer investors when ordinary shares lost their attractions. In the past there had been

serious worries that unitholders always managed to buy and sell their units at the wrong time. However, they seemed to have become more sophisticated, and it was "the right money" which was coming in and going



Mr C. Messer: disappointed that sales not higher.

out last year, Mr Messer Although the stock market had picked up this month. he was not very optimistic about the unit trust industry's prospects in 1980 and did-not expect

much money to flow into trusts. Despite the gloom which surrounded much of 1979 the industry continued to grow. During the year, 35 new authorized unit trusts were launched, bringing the total to 453 During the more presented. 453. Funds under management increased from 53,873m 10

£3.937m by the year-end.
The number of unitholdings continued to decline last year, faling from 1.95 million at the end of 1978 to 1.82 million. compared with a peak of 2.40 million ten years ago.

Midland sells share in Standard Chartered

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke

Financial Editor
Midland Bank yesterday
divested itself of its remaining
3.74 million shares in Standard Chartered Bank. The buyer, at a price believed to be about 480p, was the City stockbrok-ing firm W. Greenwell on behalf of a syndicate of institutional investors.

Thus, Midland has disposed of the stake, which at one time amounted to nearly 16 per cent of Standard Chartered, for a total of nearly £65m. Yester-day's deal, which arose after an approach by Greenwell, yielded almost £18m. The bulk of the stake—10

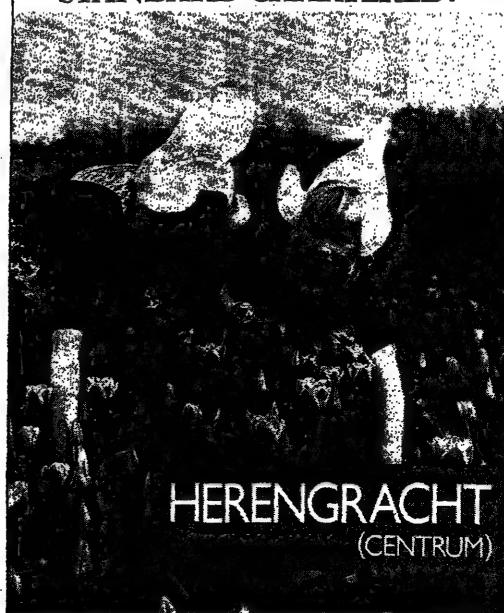
million shares—were placed in the market by stockbroker Cazenove, last October, at 470p. At that time Cazenove was unable to find buyers for the remaining shares, though Midland made it clear it would sell them at the right price. them at the right price.

Midland first bought into
Standard Chartered at about
the time of the 1969 merger of

the Standard and Chartered banks when it purchased a 4 per cent stake. It increased this to nearly 16 per cent in 1975 when it bought a stake held by the Chase Manhattan Rock This led to speculation that Midland might launch a take-over bid for Standard Char-

tered as part of its openly-expressed ambitions to expand

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Paradoxically the plunge on the gold market could prove more of a worry to the world's money authorities than its rise. Middle East investors may have been buying gold in preference to dollars in recent days. If they now decide to switch out of gold and dollars into other currencies the foreign exchange markets could become chaotic.

according to preliminary esti-mates issued by the Institute of London Underwriters (ILU) yesterday.
The Institute, which represents the company marine insurance merket and lists most penies among its members, and that the losses represented more than half a per cent of total world tonnege.

Mr Keith Williams, retiring chairmen of the Institute, said:
"We must surely be asking ourselves whether there is not some serious shortcoming in standards of management and crawing in a material propor-tion of world shipping."

tion of world shipping."

He added: "Underwriters can do lattle in a technical sense to steunch the flow of ship collisions and sinkings. But they can, and should, apply insurance strictures on shipowners who flagrantly disregard safety measures and regulations in the quest for economy and pay scant attention to officer and crew training and standards."

Last year's casualty toll Last year's casualty toll came at a time when British

ally, to prevent a late squeeze developing.

These moves however are slightly less drastic than those in New York because Chicago

Finance ministers of the Big Five Western nations, held a secret meeting in Frankfurt over the weekend, probably to discuss international economic

and monetary affairs. An offi-cial spokesman in Bonn said that the talks, held at the home of Herr Hans Matthoeffer, the

German Finance Minister, were to prepare for the meeting of

International Monetary Fund's interim committee in was 497.50p down to 1,610p.

Exchange ring cash silver lost 480p to 1,610p and three mouths The question now worrying gold mine managements and in-

a troy ounce to 1,821,60p and three months was 313,95p down to 1,840p. In the London Metal

development plans.

Gold mines especially, but other precious metal mines also, are highly geared to the metal price. At the very high prices prevailing over the last few days as much as 25 years extra possible production had been added

At the morning silver bullion fixing " spot " was down 315.80p

Finance ministers hold secret talks ministers of the five countries—the United States, West Ger-

many, Japan, France and Britain—had met in Washington just a week before. It is usually the deputies who meet to prepare the way for the interim committee. In Frankfurt major decisions may have been under consideration, otherwise the United States would not have sent My would not have sent Mr William Miller, the Treasury Secretary, his deputy, Mr Anthony Solomon, and Mr Paul Volker, the Federal Reserve's chairman.

prmobles of the world financial market about recycling the Opec petro-dollar surpluses, estimated at around \$100,000m this year alone. Discussions about the likely consequences for currency markets of a collapse in the gold price probably also took place. The role of the proposed substitution account at the IMF, a means of reducing the dollar's role, also played a major part in the dis-cussions.

Hamburg at the end of April. However, it seems unlikely that this was purely a routine meeting. The deputy finance

Computers will not take 'engaged' as answer Telephones to ring the changes

Private telephone exchanges with an uncanny ability to follow you around electronically wherever you go, if you so desire, are a sympton of the advance of computer technology into the relecommunications

Larest of the new generation of computer-controlled private automatic branch exchanges (PABXs) is the General Electric Company's SL-1. Details dis-closed yesterday give a glimpse of how office relephones of the future (and a few already installed) will give easier, more flexible and more relaxed com-

IBM was the first to source duce computer technology into private exchanges in Britain. Over the last few years digital exchanges of similar types have been introduced by Plessey, STC and Thorn-Ericsson. GEC Telecommunications in Coventry is now making the SL-1, which is developed from

an original design by Northern Telecom, of Canada. It is being marketed by another GEC comtions to many of the frustratoday. Using computer control

and software changes to adjust the services provided, they offer above all flexibility in use. Frequently dialled numbers can be condensed into a twofigure code to give faster dialling and can be stored in the exchange's memory for If a number is engaged the

If a number is engaged the system can in effect keep on trying and call back only when it is free. Incoming calls can if desired be transferred from an extension which is engaged to another, either to one which has been specified or to one of a group in the same department in a "hunting" process to find one which is free. Conference calls can be provided. to find one which is free. Con-ference calls can be provided. An invaluable feature is the "call waiting" tone, which gives an antible signal to tell someone on the telephone that another caller is trying to reach him. For really urgent messages

pany, Reliance Systems, of it is possible to break into tele-Wellingborough.

The new systems offer soluafter a warning tone has phone conversations, but only after a warning tone has Another useful feature is the ability to render an extension "engaged" when it is not in fact engaged—a sort of "Do not disturb" notice which

> Simple push-button codes can re-programme the system to "follow" an individual as he or she moves from one office or extension to another within the organization. An individual can pick up a call intended for a colleague (when the colleague is away from his desk and his 'phone is ringing)—again merely by pressing a simple push-button sequence.

could trigger any of the various redirections of the call avail-

The Post Office has approved only two digital PARXs so far, those of IRM and Plessey. Sys-tems by GEC (the SL-1), STC and Thorn-Ericsson are still

Kenneth Owen

Rises Killinghali 10p to 430p Sale Tilney 17p to 193p Seccombe Mar Sotheby FB 22p to 445p Youghal Carpets 2p to 18p 6p to 46p 10p to 438p 15p to 540p Boustend Custiefield Falls 65c to 295c 60c to 345c 20p to 285p 67c to 252c Barlow Rand Braham Millar Bracken Mines 3p to 16p 82c to 368¢ 90c to 565¢ 130c to 770¢

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Euromarket borrowers led by Latin **Americans**

Lanin American mations were the largest "precamionary" borrowers in the Euromarket during the first half of last year, according to the Bank for International Settalements.

Nations outside the inter-national banking system, ap-parently lured by the very easy market conditions, amassed un-tapped borrowing facilities of \$16,200m (£7,000m) in the first half of 1979. These undrawn facilities represent a cushion when market conditions tighten

as now appears to be the case. Eurocurrency lending by the main banks rose by \$22,500m (£9,740m) in the first half of 1979 to \$320,600m (£138,787m) on June 30. This represented an increase of 25 per cent on

French oil imports

French crude oil imports last year increased by 5 per cent to 117.5 million tons from 111.9 million in 1978. Prices more than doubled to about \$200 (£86) a ton in spite of the dollar's depreciation.

Toyota tops 30 million

Toyota has produced 30 million vehicles since it began in 1935, the first non-American company to do so. The others over 30 million are General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

Italy's car imports up

Importers increased their share of the Italian car market in 1979 to an estimated 39.6 per cent, 0.6 per cent up on 1978.

Siemens contract

Siemens, West Germany's largest electrical group, has been granted permission to set up service centres for ships' electrical systems in Chinese ports. The first centre will open in Shanghai.

Aluminium increase Primary aluminium production around the world, excluding communist nations, last year was 11.8 million tonnes, a rise of more than 3 per cent on the

previous year's output. Nissan lorry venture

The president of Nissan has and the company may start lorry production in the United States depending on the out-come of a review in Washing-ton on customs tariffs for small

around the world.

London and other key centres.

Retailers in talks with banks over standardizing electronic equipment

Checkout machines worry stores

over obtaining an early agreement with the High Street banks on comparability of electronic checkouts in stores are the focus of talks this week between retail trade associations and an inter-bank com-

Without such an agreement traders could be faced with wholesale scrapping of some of the interim generation of elec-

A decision on common technical standards is being sought so that machines can be adapted if the banks go ahead with an electronic funds transfer

go allega with an electronic rando was system (EFTS).

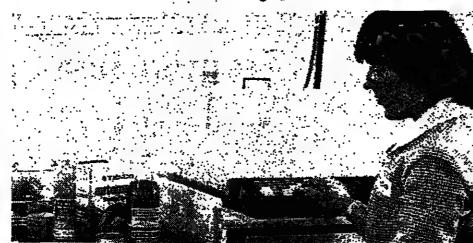
The banks are still some way from making final decisions about whether to introduce EFTS, under which a store customer would be able to pay for goods. by using a plastic card at a terminal and keying in his personal identity number. The account, assuming it is in credit, The account, assuming it is in credit, would automatically be debited for the

final bill. Some of the difficulties over comparibility are now being tackled successfully, but unexpected complexities bave also emerged. Many different pieces of equipment made by a range of manufacturers are involved.

It could still be several months before an agreed standard can be published. But, if this is achieved by the middle of the year, manufacturers could be expected to be delivering compatible equipment by early next year.

That sort of timing could be critical-because, by late 1981, the major retail chains are likely to be moving substantially into the use of the new generation of laser-scan electronic checkouts.

A number of stores are already running trials of these advanced systems, in which



Electronic checkout at Tesco's Wellin gborough store: "interim generation" machines may have to be scrapped.

a bar code printed on goods is "read" by the scanner at the checkout and the information fed to an in-store computer. The customer gers quicker service at the checkout and a fully itemized bill. The store derives benefits like better stock

tween the banks and the retail trade on EFTS and there had been hopes that the banks would start point-of-sale trials soon.
But it might still be up to a year before
they go ahead with a pilot experiment.
One problem not yet discussed is who foots the bill for installation of the sys-tem. Possibly £200m is involved in putting to the point-of-sale equipment and the rotal

infrastructure, if it included a new bank

Discussions between the traders and the banks are expected to centre on the bill for the point-of-sale equipment. One argu-ment is that retailers would benefit from electronic payment because it would cut out bank charges for handling cash.

If the banks agreed to instant debit traders would also get their money quicker than through cheque payments, although instant debit could be a difficulty because of the overnight money interest loss for

Derek Harris

Unionurges Hongkong Japan asked to cut clothing imports ban

By John Huxley
Textile union leaders yesterday called for a government ban on all clothing imports from Hongkong. Also, they are seeking an inquiry into the origin of all clothes purporting to come from the colony and a thorough examination of work-

ng conditions there. These demands, contained in a letter to Mr John Nott, Secra-tary of State for Trade, have been prompted by recent re-ports that jeans made in China for export are being labelled "Made in Hongkong" in breach of trade regulations.

Mr Alec Smith, general secre-tary of the 116,000-strong National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, said this was a blatant case of cheap exploited labour being used in the manufacture of goods which posed a threat to employment in the West

According to the union's in-According to the union's in-formation, materials, sewing machines and basic training were provided by a Hongkong entrepreneur, who received jeans in return. The machines became the property of the Chinese workers after five

years. Recent confirmation came in report in The Times last week. Mr Smith's concern is height-ened by the immense problems now facing the clothing indus-Reports from divisional sers in the last few weeks

redundancies. The union esti-mates that about 15,000 of its members have lost their jobs in the past few months or are under threat of redundancy.

In his letter to the minister Mr Smith says: "The Government has a duty and a responsibility to safeguard manufacturing industry from unfair and distance control of the co distronest competition. As Secre-tary of State you must act now."

Mr Smith has also urged the Hongkong authorities to inves-tigate the incidence of felse labelling. "We are very much afreid that this incident is only a minor example of what really goes on. It is frightening to think that it must be just the tip of the iceberg."

Despite repeated criticism western manufacturer Hoogkong has generally adopted a tough policy towards com-panies which can be proved to have infiringed made regula-tions. This has been partly to forestall cells for further restrictions on the level of Hong-kong imports into the European

Equally, trade ministers, though sympathetic to textile industry pleas, have said that detailed information must be provided to substantiate allegations before any action at Gov-erument level can be taken. Frequently this has proved im-

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import barriers

From Koji Nakemura

Mr John Nott, Britain's Secre-tary of State for Trade, on a visit here, today called for a Jepanese reduction of nontariff barriers as a means of correcting the trade imbalance between the two countries.

In a blunt warning Mr Nott told his sudience at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan that he was "not going to allow sudden surges of imports to disrupt our society." As an alternative, he suggested a cut in non-sariff barriers on British

One example of such barriers covers whisky on which 65 per cent duty and 220 per cent liquor tax are imposed. The trade Secretary emphasized that there is no policy difference between the previous and the incumbent British governments against "unfair trading practices which lead to a sudden discounties of a society in disruption of a society in domestic markets".

While recognizing the difficulties in correcting the im-Nott offered two options: trade restriction or reduction of the imbalance. He urged the two countries to choose the latter. "Of course, we will continue the United Kingdom effort to increase direct trade but this is not enough. We must look much

more to investment by Japan in the United Kinedom of much more technology and skill. Such joint ventures could supply not only our large home market but, more importantly, the EEC

of the uncertain future work load of the industry.

Even if the increasing wastage of brickleyers can be atrested, this decline in new entrants must be reversed to increase the brickleying population and enable the building industry to respond to the upsurge in deutand which will surely come sooner rather than latter. Britain has remained in deficit in direct trade against lapan. "The problem we face is that shhough the level of direct exports between us is really pretty insignificant— Japanese exports to Britain represent just over 3 per cent of total British imports and British exports to Japan represent about 11 per cent of mal Building Trades Employers, simed at increasing brackleying capacity throughout the country. The sessection Japanese imports—Japan con-centrated its attack upon the British market in some of its weakest and most sensitive areas," Mr Nott said.

But he believed the United Kingdom and Japan shared a "common goal" of economic servival of the world. The principal eres for cooperation between the two countries, he added, lies in the "exchange of technology, industrial applica-tion and skill."

He cited the examples of the Rolls-Royce deal with Japan and the BL-Houde agreement. There must be a whole range of other areas "for further col-

Mr Nott, who is on a three-day visit to Japan, leaves for

Congress agrees on windfall' tax plan

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent Washington, Jan 22

Leaders of the United States Congress have agreed upon most of the details of a major tax legislation plan that will produce estimated revenues from America's oil companies of \$227,300m (about £99,700m) by

The tax, known as the "windfall profits tax", will be based upon the oil company income increases in coming years that derive from the decontrol of domestic petroleum prices. Price controls on oil are being physically there are that in large phased-out here so that, by late next year, the oil companies will be selling domestically produced oil at the world market

President Carter called for this tax last April and, by late last year the Senate and the House of Representatives had each passed separate and different tax Bills.

Today, leaders of the Congress mer to hammer out a Bill that reconciles the differences between the House and Senate versions. Compromises have now been reached on how to raise

The congressional leaders agreed that the tax rate would be 70 per cent on the differ between future selling ence between ruture sening prices and the current con-trolled price of \$12.80 per bar-rel on oil discovered before 1979 and sold by large producers.

They also agreed that all producers would be subject to a 30 per cent tax rate on the ing prices and the current price of \$16.30 per barrel on re-cently discovered oil and that the 30 per cent rate would also apply to heavy oil.

Somewhat lower rates of tax-ation will be applied on certain categories of oil for indepen-dent and small oil producing companies. The compromise certainly envisages suffer taxes than the Senate had matted than the Senate had wanted. It might be claimed that, on this tax Bill, the cousumer

lobby has proved more effective than the oil producers'. Most of these tax revenues will be used in the energy area, but the details of the spending plans have still to be

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Strike at British Steel

Sir, Sir Keith Joseph states in an article in The Times of January 15, then "this meant that other workers, often lower paid, were having to provide from texes more than £1,800 a year of the average earnings of each worker at BSC."

The real answer is to give steel workers and other workers real wages, real purchasing power; this will defeat inflation and give what steel workers are striving for—a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. When the Government offered the steel workers a 2 exerced the steel workers a 2 per cent rise in their pay, to offset a predicted 20 per cent inflation rate, we all knew that a strike was inevitable.

From Rear Admiral A. J. Monk Sir, The mystery ably described by John Huxley in Business News Mystery of the missing

brickies" (January 17) can at least be partly solved.

During the buoyant years of growth up to 1974 there was a substantial increase in the number of trained bricklayers

number of trained prickayers entering the construction industry but throughout the past few years there has been a steady decline, both through apprenticeshap and adult training schemes, perhaps because of the uncertain future work

Brick Development

Association is engaged an an urgent survey, in conjunction with the Netional Federation of

operates its own centres for training bricklayers at Colin-

Sir, The report on executive redundancy (Jenuary 11) based on a recent IPM research study

may have given an undeser-vedly negative impression of

the assistance offered by Pro-fessional and Executive Re-

cruitment (PER) to redundant

Any employment agency's ability to find a new job for

an intemployed executive is clearly limited by the number of vacancies available and em-ployers' willingness to fill them with unemployed candidates. PER is undoubtedly more

successful in placing such job-

seekers than any other agency not only because it already enjoys eccess to a great number but equally because it accepts as a social duty to do all it

can to get redundant executives

back into employment as quickly as possible.

However, we are conscious that the ultimate service of a

new job will be given to relatively few among our redundant registrants—and we-

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managers and executives.

From Mr G. R. Crosby

From the President of the fashioned in the name
Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers Inflation is too much more monetarism.
Inflation is too much money

chasing too few goods and when a government cannot control its own money supply it would do well to seek the option of increased production.

Low production in Britain
has reduced the demand for
steel and has made steel production uneconomic. If producpermitted to rise we should need all the steel we could produce. A demand for steel would enable the steel workers to earn enough to live on. The tax on earnings which The tax on earnings which punishes workers for working is one of the barriers to production in Britain today. Let the Tocies act in accord with the spirit of their manifesto commitment and outlaw the tax on earnings. This will release an explosive expansion of production throughout, industry and that will end inflation.

annual national bricking championship is held) and kirkby in Lancashire. Plaus to increase these states are the control of the

being pursued vigorously, despite the difficulty of instant reaction at a time when the Government's policies on the future of training are being

ell stopped. By good manage

very rewarding trade more

actractive for new entrants and help to errest wastage. The BDA and NFBTE can provide

guidance, but improvements must be achieved on the build-

ing site if the best use is so be made of available skills.

The Brick Development Association, Woodside House, Winkfield, Windsor, SL4 2DX

are at pains to make this clear to all job seekers who come to PER. Consequently, we try to

do everything possible to impress on candidates the importance of self-help and to

this end we provide job bunting seminars, self-presen-

tation courses, career develop-ment training and Tops re-

training opportunities.

In the past twelve months simost 20,000 unemployed

executives have benefited from

such courses—an even higher target being set for 1980.

report on comments made by a

very small and unrepresen-

tative sample of employers who had only limited experience of PER as a recruitment method.

Director,
Professional and Executive

Yours sincerely, G. R. CROSBY,

Recruitment. 45 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7SB.

Yours faithfully,

Director General

TONY MONK,

January 17.

Helping jobless managers

increase these resources

Britain's capacity to produce steel is being whittled down to

Solving the mystery of

the missing brickies

with no inflation, and wife a right to keep most of his earnings, the steel worker and all other workers can see social justice begin to operate for the first, time in 80 years.

In political life, nothing harvens by accident

happens by accident. orchestrated. It is the poor who suffer most. The wealth of Britain is created by the

The real purchs steel workers and other workers is being reduced week by week. It can only benefit the nation if these workers are given a realistic wage and better work ing conditions. Yours faithfully, TERRY DUFFY, President, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, 110 Peckham Road, London SE15.

Accounting standards and legal sanctions

From Mr D. B. Simpson

January 16.

Sir, I refer to the paragraph by the Financial Editor in today's issue in which he comments on the response to the Green Paper, Company Accounting and Disclosure and to the sub-mission by Messrs Arthur Andersen that the Government should consider legal sanctions against companies who refuse to conform to generally agreed accounting standards.

Replacing the missing brickies is only one of the steps currently being taken to ensure edequate capacity. It is easier to fill a bucket with water if leaks in the bucket are first of I have not, of course, had the opportunity to read in detail (nor indeed and I able to obtain it) Messrs Arthur Ander ment and site practices better conditions can be created, enabling the bricklayers on site to work more efficiently. sen's submission. From the article I take it that they are concerned only with the en-forcement of the standards. This in turn would make this

The step which they would appear to suggest is one to emforce legally standards which have absolutely no legality at all but which are inflicted upon industry and sustained by a polite form of blackmail through the CCAB with the counivance of the Stock Exchange.

It is high time, of course,: that these standards were embodied into the law and then not only can they be subject to legal enforcement but also those on whom the standards are inflicted and who feel that they are in any way badly or unfairly treated can have recourse to the courts.

This is a right they do not now heve abough it is a matter which is thought to have been vital to the citizens of this country since the Magna Carta and which has, in this matterwithdrawn by people who ought to know better. Yours faithfully, D. B. SIMPSON. Market Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2EW.

It is unfortunate that PER's valuable contribution in this Who audits

area may have been obscured by the concentration in the IPM auditors? From Mr Alan M. Thomas Sir, Your Financial Editor's comment "The problem of enforcement" (January 15) raises one further issue. Who audits auditors? Yours faithfully, ALAN M. THOMAS, 34b Vernon Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9SH January 16.

Revival of hard-rock mining in the UK

From Mr John Loman
Sir, Sir Peter Kent and Sir
Kingsley Dunham (January 9)
do Britain a service in calling
for a revival of hard-rock mining. No reform that could be
devised would more surely
rectify the nation's economic
weakness. Notably it would
give employment on a sure give employment on a sure, basis of applying our own labour to work our own nat-ural resources: it would help the balance of payments and ensure a supply of strategic minerals against the sort of crippling shortages which twice this century have threat-ened our national defences.

May I remind these gent-lemen that the subject in all

drew attention to the oppor-tunities offering, listing all major known ore bodies: it warned of the dangers of war-time shorrages and, to summarize, it recommended that His Majesty's Government should set up a permanent minerals development commission to foster mining enterprise.
Nothing was done, recommendations

ignored, so our deposits lie idle, our mining areas undeveloped and their manpower without employment. And so the situation remained until about 15 years ago when signs of revival appeared and government was induced to take a hand. The results were not the aspects was reported upon brilliant: many concessions by the Westwood committee of 1949 (CMD 7732 HM Stationery Office). The report ruled.

At that time interest was also stirring in Eire; but there the outcome was very dif-ferent: mining flourished and ser io train a national economic revival in the republic.

The reason was that from the outset the Irish Govern-ment adopted a tax code pel-lored to the peculiar needs of extractive industries. The British Government has obstinately refused to give any such encouragement, and until it does there will be little or no non-ferrous mining progress, no matter what ver-bal encouragement or good intentions may be uttered. Your Obedient Servant, JOHN LOMAX, London SW1Y 5EW.

University engineering education

Sir, I would like to comment on your article "Revolutionary your article "Revolutionary engineer training proposals seek to match best of foreign competition" in the Home News section (January 10). In the very last paragraph

Mr Lawrence Sapper, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers is reported to have said that the "union" rejected the idea of any need to make big changes in university engineering education. sity engineering education, apart from the need to lengthen the degree course. As an active member of the

As an active member of the Association of University Teachers I would like to dissociate myself from that remark. As far as I know, there has been no general canvassing of the members of the AUT—I certainly do not subscribe to the idea that universcribe to the idea that university engineering does not need big changes. I, and my staff here at University College, Swansea, think it does. Particularly in the discontinuous arly in the direction of increased and enhanced teach- and other artefacts

manufacturing engineering and I have always said so during my 21 years as a Reader and Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College.

Imperial College.

All aspects of manufacturing technology need to be taught to a far higher degree than is the case at present. Most engineering courses simply introduce their students to the topic by showing them films of the various manufacturing processes involved, with some general supporting lectures describing the "nuts and bolts" of various processes. processes

There is very little discussion of the background theory of of the background theory the strength of materials, mathematical plasticity and optimization techniques as applied to design and manufac-turing processes, with a view to understanding properly the behaviour of materials which are used in design and sub-iected to manufacturing apjected to manufacturing processes and the use of machines

construction.
This is a situation which This is a situation which seems to me to be almost universal throughout British universities (although the polytechnics seem not to be as guilty of this omission). In my view it is high time that universities gave proper recognition to the scientific aspects involved in the teaching of design and manufacturing technology, and that these subjects should be introduced far more extensively in all engineering undergraduin all engineering undergraduate courses. Personally, I support almost all of the recommendations of the Finniston committee wholeheartedly and I hope that in my university here at Swanses we shall move here at Swansea we shall move in the direction which that committee recommends.
Yours faithfully,

J. M. ALEXANDER, Professor of Mechanical Engineering.
University College of Swanses, Department of Mechanical Singleton Park Swansea SA2 8PP.

Gold: profits and losses in an overblown market

Anything that advances at the pace set by gold over the three weeks since the start of the year can be expected to fall as rapidly: so there were no real surprises in the \$135 decline in the gold price to \$690 an nunce at the close in London yesterday. According to fans of the yellow metal, this setback is nothing more than a pause for breath, but elsewhere it is seen as the start of a slide back to something like normality that is, a situation in which the price will be dictated more by economic than political

Either way it is certain that the rise was fuelled by political uncertainties, and that in the absence of those uncertainties the bubble is likely to burst, sooner or later. Since most of the people who hold gold now since most of the people who hold gold now are sitting on very handsome paper profits, the immediate repercussions are unlikely to be painful—they will lose profit that they might have had by selling at the top, but it will take a substantial fall in the price before most holders are worse off than they were three weeks ago.

That in itself is an argument against panic selling, and helps to explain why, though volume was brisk yesterday, it was smaller holders who were selling, rather than the really large-scale investors.

Also making for relative stability is the fact that some of those large-scale holders—notably Middle Eastern investors—would be hard pushed to find acceptable alternative homes for their money: they have not missed the lassons implicit in the American missed the lessons implicit in the American seizure of Iranian assets.

Moreover, while it is noticeable that the staider British institutions, traditionally so reluctant to commit themselves to the purchase of assets that cannot be valued by reference to their income-producing tapacity, have recently been seized by gold force; it is well-lead to their income-producing tapacity, have recently been seized by gold fever, it is unlikely that gold will form any thing other than a small proportion of their portfolios, or be held on anything other than a long-term view. A cynic, of course, might take the mere fact of their purchase as a sign that the bubble is overblown.

Armitage Shanks

Blue Circle in the ring

excitement. Glynwed made an unsuccessful takeover bid for their company in 1973; and last year Armitage's plans to merge with Johnson Richards Tiles foundered. Now there is a £30m offer from Blue Circle, anxious to diversify away from its dependence on cement where it sees limited growth potential in the United Kingdom. Blue Circle's cash and share offer values each Armitage ordinary share at 95p, compared with a pre-suspension price of 56p.

Armitage Shanks' shareholders are used to

That is not over-generous. It offers Armitage shareholders an exit at around nine times historic earnings, and Armitage is going to do much better this year. Moreover, given Blue Circle's worries about the United Kingdom cement market and the prospect of a building recession, the paper

element in its offer does not help. An additional factor is that Armitage has some rarity value—it is, after all, the last independent sanitaryware maker left in the

Nevertheless, the Armitage board, without any significant stake in the company, is recommending acceptance of the terms. Shareholders should certainly wait and see what their explanation for doing this is, and perhaps take note of the fact that the largest shareholder in the company, the Dutch-controlled, Ceramic Investment Holdings, which has recently built up its stake to just over 20 per cent is hedging its bets at the moment.

Unit trusts

Must try

harder

It is as easy to throw up one's hands in horror at the unit trust industry's woeful net performance in 1979 as it is to praise its gross sales record of £411.9m, third best in its history. Net sales of £58.1m are the worst since 1962 when the industry was a stripling managing a mere £272.5m compared with the £3,936.7m it was looking after at the end of last year.

But such an approach is looking at the industry through the wrong end of the telescope. The problem with these unit trust figures is not that repurchases are so high but that new sales are so low. Repurchases of £353.9m are only 8.6 per cent of total assets which is well within the tolerance of any savings institution-particularly a relatively mature one, as the unit trust industry now is. People die; their unit-linked policies mature; and they normally cash in their holdings after about seven or eight years: in short, there is nothing exceptional about these redemptions.

The sales side of the equation is suffering from three defects. The industry lacks a gilt fund alternative to compete with deposittaking institutions when equities are in the doldrums and interest rates high; it has over the years priced itself out of the small savings market; and its investment performance overall leaves something to be desired.

Why successive governments resolutely refuse to remove the unfranked income block which affectively prevents unit trust managers from running gilt-edged funds is a mystery. The Government's funding programme would benefit, the unit trust industry would benefit and unit holders would benefit too. The pressure must be kept up to secure a change in these particuiar ground rules.

The recent relaxation in the industry's pricing structure which many managers argued forced them to abandon the small investor gives the industry an opportunity once more to open the door to small savers and investors. An advantage that managers might discreetly welcome is that unsophisticated money sticks better too.

As to performance, all that needs to be said is that the industry must try harder. Managers might feel that for one-in-four funds, reinvested income included, to beat the All-Share index is good enough; unitholders don't.

Marine insurance

Implications of rate-cutting

Competitive pressures are such in the insurance world that underwriters are invariably loathe to admit that the profits outlook is ever much better than awful in any particular line of business. So some allowance should perhaps be made for propaganda in the latest gloomy prognosis from the Institute of London Underwriters, which represents the companies side of the London marine market.

Even so, conditions do look fairly grim with underwriters still beset by fierce ratecutting as a result of surplus world insurance capacity at a time when losses are soaring and world inflation continues to eat into actuarial equations.

The ILU's report underlines warnings from Lloyd's last autumn that after handsome profits in 1976—the last closed year—underwriters particularly in marine and aviation fields have been heading into a profits crunch thanks to the cumulative effect of several years of rate-curting.

However, there are now at least some signs that the worst may have passed. Talk

in the market has been that there had been an outflow from London of perhaps as much as 15 per cent of traditional marine and aviation business to cheaper markets parncularly in the Far East.

Signs are that the cut-price insurers are now already becoming alarmed at the size of some claims and are consequently cutting their portfolios. As a result the business is coming back to London and vindicating the strong stand made by some leading under-writers on rating levels, even when it meant losing longstanding clients.

Italy's urban terrorists have repeatedly attacked the country's leading car maker

Fiat: a company in the front line

"When I drive home from work: I always check if any one is following me. It is dark, and on arrival I look hard at the bushes. There is always the feeling, I hope it won't happen to me?"

The speaker is a middle level executive at Flat, living in an ill-lir road in the bills just outside Tunin. Three Fiat managers have been killed and 24 staff wounded by the Red Brigades and other terrorist organizations in the last five years. There have been numer-ous cases of damage to plant and equipment and to the cars and homes of staff.

The reaction, the official says, it now almost fatalistic, as if people were living to a state of wer, with an enemy moreover whose intelligence service has obtained your order of battle. In a terrorist hideout discovered in Turing the discovered in Turin the Fiac executives with their job

There is thus no knowing who may be the next target. But in spite of an evident sense of strain, the official stresses that rhere has been no rush of resignations or applications for

One of the few techniques which the terrorists have not recently employed is kidnaprecently employed is kinap-ping. If one excepts that of Signora Carla Ovazza, mother-in-law of the daughter of Signor Giovanni Agnelli, Fiat's chair-man—an offence against the family—the only case has been that of Signor Eurore Americ, the personnel director, seized in December 1973 and released

The three deaths have all taken place in the last two years — on January 4, 1978 sponsible for security at the Cassino plant south of Rome was killed; on September 28, 1978, Signor Piero Coggiola, in charge of the Lancia subsidiary's painting workshop at Chivasso near Turin; and on September 21, 1979, Signor Carlo Chiglieno, who had been responsible for group planning (cars)

The wounding incidents are usually "kneecapping" and take place when the victim leaves home in the morning or



Chiesa. terrorism: sent from Rome to take charge of the carabinieri in North Italy.



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tified with a jet-set way of life and regarded as a symbol of capitalism.

returns in the evening and not inside the plant or office. The terrorists normally issue a press release — there is a telephone tip to a newspaper to pick up a communique in a pub-lic phone box, dustbin or else-where — identifying the victim

and claiming responsibility. In the last five years 58 em-ployees' cars have been set on fire, usually at night outside their home. There have been 18 their home. There have been 18 cases of arson in plants, mostly in upholstery sections, and five incidents of arson at employees' homes, usually through setting the front door on fire with petrol. Twenty-five other attacks on people and equipment have also taken place.

Fiat has a payroll of more than 350,000 of whom 270,000 are in Italy. Events suggest that about 25,000 of the Italian amployees should consider

themselves in the target area, anyone from manager down to supervisor or foreman. Terrorist strategy appears to be to concentrate on this range, top manage

reasons why this group has been selected as the prime target: first, it is quite impossible to protect such a large number of employees with bodyguards and bulletproof cars, as can be done for top management; second, and more important, the frightening effect of action against them is probably considered by the terrorists to be much greater than against top mane For the boss who is killed is a fairly remote character; further down the ladder the victims are colleagues with whom the workers identify

FIVE YEARS OF TERRORISM AT FIAT 1977 1978 1979

	1912	1910	1011	1010		
Vehicles set alight	14	20	8	4	12	
Killed	_		_	2	8	
Wounded	1	3	7	3	10	
Argon in factories	_	5	5	4	4	
Damage to homes of staff	_	2	_	_	3	
Attacks, aggression against persons						
and objects	2	5	13	4	_ 1	

Sometimes an ordinary employee is wounded, as in the attack on December 14 on an office of the commercial vehicle subsidiary Inveco, but this was incidental to a robbery with violence. it heralds escalation into urban

guerrilla warfare was an affack on a Turin business school associated with Fiat on December 11. The terrorist squad, which wounded four four people, was reported to number nearly 20 and they did not bother to mask their faces. Why should Fiar be singled out? To anyone living in Italy the message is clear enough: it is the country's biggest private company; it makes a profit; it does not use public money; it is a multinational with subsidiaries in other

troubled areas like Latin America Signor Agoelli is not a man of humble origin, but came into the company his grandfather founded and used to be identified with a jet-set way of life. For anyone seeking to destabilize the structure of the economy, it would be difficult to find a better target than this symbol of private

The feeling exists in the company that the authorities could have been more effective. When Signor Chiglieno was murdered, it was reported that the police flying squad had only eight cars available in Turin, a city of more than a million people.

The terrorists, who are believed to run into tens rather than hundreds, are highly trained and professional, which cannot always be said of police and para-military carabinieri. The authorities have indirectly recognized the inadequacies by sending from Rome General Carlo Dalla Chiesa, the chief expert on terrorism, to take charge of the carabinieri in North Italy, including the danger triangle of Turin-Genoa-

management says that the climate has improved greatly since it issued dismissal notices since it issued dismissal notices in October to 61 alleged trouble makers. It is careful not to associate these people with terrorism, but it claims that through acts of insubordination and intimidation a fertile breeding ground was being created for violence and the plants in Turin were becoming ungovernable.

The dismissals bave involved

The dismissals have involved the company in litigation with the trade unions, which felt obliged to defend those men who were members. The unions have been critical for not doing enough to include fire doing enough to isolate fire-brands and for admitting extremists into their ranks for the sake of pushing up member-

ship.
The Communist Party has indirectly stepped into the field by announcing that it has com-missioned a mass research operation into a sample 25.000
Fiat workers who are being asked about their artitudes to work, as well as their social, cultural and political opinions.
There are 54 questions in all and the answers—anonymous—will be presented to a party conference in Turin in late February.
From this different angle, it

may contribute towards identifying and tackling the problem of terrorism in a front-line

John Earle

Why are we bad exporters?

to increase its export sales for the good of the country is all very well. But business does not run on patriotism. There have to be clear commercial

With profits overall running in real terms at only about 3 per cent (if North Sea activities are excluded) there is little surplus revenue to spare for the costly development foreign markets.

David Connell author of a discussion document published by the National Economic Development Office today* says marketing can not only be expensive, but also risky. The development of new products and the exploitation of export markets requires an initial expenditure which may not be recovered for some years.

Unlike much investment in plant and buildings, money spent on marketing and pro-duct development is almost completely irrecoverable if a project ends in failure. Undoubtedly the establish-

ment and maintenance of an effective sales operation in overseas markets can place a heavy burden both on a company's staff and on its finances.

Whatever measurements are used, Britain's export track record has been dismal. The decline is not restricted to any particular product group nor to any geographic region or type of market. Between 1962 and 1975 Britain's share of the 11 main Industrial countries' total exports of manufactured goods declined by 40 per cent. No other country came near to that rate of deterioration. Currency exchange fluctua-

Patricia Tisdall

tions and rocketing inflation rates have not helped of course. But loss of price competitivealthough commonly blamed, is not the only reason for the reduction in export

> David Connell has tried to identify some of the non-price ingredients in exporting using a number of analytical methods. His conclusion is that there has been a wide divergence in average value over a long period between the goods exported by Britain and those supplied by countries such as West Germany, France or Japan. Furthermore, such a divergence would probably not exist unless there had been greater changes in product mix. quality or other non price factors of the goods produced by the other countries than those supplied by the United Kingdom.

Adding this to an analysis of 15 export case studies compiled by the British Overseas Trade Board and from other sources, Mr Connell has made three general deductions about the non-price reasons for poor

overseas sales.

First, he says that too many companies have treated their exporting as a marginal activity and that a much longer term commitment is required if they are to exploit the full potential

of overseas markets.

There is evidence that this 15 true in the tendency for ex-ports to increase during a

domestic recession. The indications are that sales forces are switched abroad during a lull in home purchasing. But what else can a firm do if the resources are not available to maintain an extra marketing network on a full time basis? From this would follow an

other of Mr Connell's deducfirms have spread their export-ing effort too thinly over dif-ferent geographical markets. It is natural that a company operating on an ad hoc basis will try to cream off the easy orders which will lead to an apparent dissipation of effort across many countries.

The third criticism is more fundamental. This is that the design and development of new products and the after-sales service of existing ones simply does not match up to those of competing countries.

But again, the answer is one of cost and risk. The failure rate of new products is high and the costs of design, research and test marketing heavy. However, one of the consequences is that the United Kingdom is increasingly being forced into smaller, slower growing international markets because the products it makes are not those required by the larger, faster growing economies.

The outlook is even worse. For although it is not the only factor, price does have an important part to play. The effect of North Sea oil in strengthen-ing sterling has and will make it more difficult for United Kingdom firms to sell abroad, by making their goods more ex-

British industry is, therefore, in danger of being forced into a vicious spiral of attempting to export products, which are not only expensive but also. obsolete.

West German industrialists successfully wrestled with the consequences of a strong cur-rency for many years but they did so in buoyant world trad-ing conditions. How will their British counterparts cope with a strong currency in a very dif-ferent economic climate?

* Nedo discussion paper 6-The United Kingdom's perform ance in export markets available from Nedo Books, 1 Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LJ (price £2.50, £2.68 post paid).

Sanitary ware—last of the independents

tion in sanitary ware, an unglamorous but turbulent industry is nearly over. If Armitage Shanks goes under to Blue Circle Industries, or any other group yet to appear on the scene, there will be no big independent manufacturer left in the business,

The only way Blue Circle Industries or anyone else can profitably enter the sanitary ware business today is by buying Armitage Shanks, the leader with more than 30 per cent of Four concerns have nine-

of these are now under the umbrella of big groups. Their interests range far outside basins, bidets, lavarories, sinks and showers. Since the sixties there has in

fact been a fairly rapid process of concentration prompted by an ambitious acquisition policy pursued by the United States controlled Ideal-Standard. This group quickly swallowed five companies in 1968 which impelled Doulton (part of the S. Pearson group) to bid success-fully for Johnson & Slater despite competition from Armi-

despite competition from Armitage Ware.

A year later Shanks rebuffed Allied Ironfounders and joined Armitage Ware. There was a luli until 1971 when Glynwed bid vainly for Thysfords, the industrial second learners comindustry's second largest com-

However, Glynwed eventually lost to Read International. Undeterred, Glynwed then bid for Armitage Shanks, but the offer was referred to the Monopolies Commission by Sir Geoffrey Rowe, then Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs.

The Commission reported in

August, 1978. It had no trouble in establishing that Armitage, with about 35 per cent of the sanitary-ware market, was a monopoly under the Act.

For Blue Circle, the acquisition of Armitage, would be a tion of Armitage would be a departure, even though it has interests in builders' mer-

chapting. The imperus towards large groupings is the same one as the need to buy an existing manufacturer rather than set-ting up a new plant. The prod-uct is heavy, bulky and fragile and costs of transport are high. So it is easier than setting

marketing outlets along with existing plant. There has also been a trend towards larger groupings among sanitary-ware Customers The Commission established

that the minimum economic size for a plant was a capacity equal to 10 to 15 per cent of per cent. Such plants would 1976, have cost, 13m and obviously nearly half as much again or more, now.

The industry, to judge by the record of Armitage Shanks's profits, has not grown dramastically and one source of demand, housing starts, has slumped. In 1976 these were as many as 509,714 but for this year the figure is estimated to be 210,000. The public programme for schools and hospitals cannot be considered. pitals cannot be considered exciting either.

But replacement of breakages is a growlog business and canitaryware has no wbecome part of the Do It Yourself ment grants and the Wiger cost of getting a plumber to do the work.
To the extent that the

industry is now part of "DIY", it should grow side by side with personal disposable incomes. Nor is the slump in new housing without its comforting aspiect. The less successful aspiect. The less successful
the country becomes in replacing existing housing stock, the
older the stock gets and the
more likely it is to be replaced.
One member of the Commission was Mr Roger Opic.
He seems to have been
impressed with the industry's
rectifications. profitability and stability des. pute what others saw as keen price competition. He considered that any one big com-pany could raise prices in the confident belief that the others that they pursued a policy of "live and let live". Market shares change little over the

For Blue Circle entry through Armitage would conter a further advantage. This sanitary-ware manufacturer special-tary-ware manufacturer special-tzes in huxury bathroom products which are more profit-able than standard equipment. A final consideration is that foreign competition in sanitaryware is negligible.

Peter Wainwright

Business Diary: Fed's new face • Budget revisited

Anthony Solomon, the United States Treasury Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs, has been and chairman of the Scotch States Treasury Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs, has been rumoured for some time to be tired and keen to leave the Carter Administration. But nobody guessed that he would move to New York to become president of the Federal Reserve Bank there.
For the last three years

Solomon has been the prime architect of America's international currency policies and a central figure of the Carter Administration in conducting sensitive economic negotiations between the United States and the other industrial countries.

The fruits of his labours have been sparing, with the dollar still far from healthy and the world's monetary system still beset with problems. Now Solomon moves to a less pulitically powerful post but still an important one. The New York Fed implements in the markets the currency and domestic monetary policies shaped in Washington. The president has influence in the Federal Reserve system's open market committee and is regularly consulted on monetary

Further, he has to supervise the New York commercial bank-

ing system Solomon is a dour, rather conservative man, with degrees in economics, a fortune from a that all four countries have former food business in failed to fulfil their obligations Mexico and years of experience under the Treaty of Rome.

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France, which like Denmark in assorted government posi-tions. He often seems disdainful of the press and has made little attempt to attract publicity in his tenure at the Treasury. He should blend perfectly into the grey central banking fraternity.

Whisky Association's information and development commit-tee, is pondering a possible connexion between democracy and a decline in whisky drink-

Last year, apparently, there was a fall in shipments to Spain of Scotland's largest export, and this contributed to the reduction pared with the previous year.

Spain's economy had suffered a downturn, but it had also changed its regime. The Spanish, Coombs found on a recent visit to Madrid, now seem to stay at home in the evenings whereas under the former dictatorship they used to him it are

But Coombs is not complaining too much. Export volume last year was still 7 per cent better than the industry had achieved before—except for

He and the other Scotch producers are also looking for a helping hand within the next few weeks from the EEC Court of Justice in stopping dis-crimination against Scotch by Denmark, France, the Irish Republic and Italy. The Advocate-General to the court has already given his opinion on the cases and asked it to declare

than home-produced spirits, particularly annoys the Scotch producers. Further texes next lend month will raise the difference in price between bottles of cosmac and Scotch to 51 cognac and Scotch to 11

Lord Watkinson, one-time president of the Confederation of British Industry, a past chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and former Conservative MP for Woking, has high hopes of persuading a communist minister to address an important gathering drawn from that most capitalist of industries, the world of travel.

world of travel.
Yesterday he and fellow members of the board advising on the first World Travel Market, sponsored by IPC Business Press, unveiled their plans for an ambitious five-day exhibition and symposium at Olympia next December. Lord Watkinson dropped a Lord Watkinson dropped a broad hint about where the prestige speaker will come from, if the advisory council has its way. "The great travel developments to come are in the Third World and I personally think that China is soing to he me of the orest

sonaily think that China is going to be one of the great ones", he said.

With the momentum of Peking's philosophical move to the right only matched by its

Diary writers can seldom claim the credit for changing the date of a Budget and I fear that I may be no exception, It was heartening, however, to see so quickly confirmed the argument which I outlined yesterday, namely that the clash between the Budget and the en-thronement of the Archbishop

of Canterbury was wholly un-However, although the postponement of the Budget for a day may have delighted those parliamentarians whose consciences were split over which event to attend, it has done nothing to relieve the dilemma of the Prime Minister.



Lord Watkinson.

urgent need for foreign capital, the idea is not impossible. If a Peking dignitary does decide to make the trip to Kensington in December, how-ever, British tourist officials could have a word in his ear about some of the grouses of visitors to China. Minimum stays of seven days and very high air fares are two of them.

The ceremony at Canterbury will start at 3 pm on March 25, 15 minutes before her customary question time in the Commons. Her attendance at both events is plainly out of the auestion.

The date was chosen by the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury because it was Lady Day; the enthronement normally coincides with a religious festival. The last enthronement was on January 24, 1975, the eve of the conversion of Paul; the then Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, was free from parliamentary engagements and among the

 BL's overworked industrial relations managers will breathe a sigh of relief when the news reaches them that a moderate life-long Labour Party stalwart has just replaced communist Len Brindle as senior union convenor at Leyland Vehicles, the group's truck and bus subsidiary.

He is Alec Calder, 61, a member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and a former chairman of Leyland town council in Lancashire.

When Business Diary asked him yesterday if he would withdraw the commercial vehicle factories from the unofficial BL Combined Shop Stewards' Com-mittee chaired by Derek Robinson, the dismissed Longbridge convenor, he said that it was not his intention to do so. "I do not think my works committee would support such a move at present ", he said. move at present " he said.
"Let's just say that my style

is very different from Len's, but

we both want the same objec-

tives better pay and conditions for our members "

The American Embassy is sending out invitations to a Valentine's Day reception stressing the point that it is a "stag" affair. An Embassy spokesman originally told Business Diary that this meant it was all-male, then modified this to meaning there would be no wives or girlfriends. Women entitled to an invitation in their own right would indeed be invited and some expected to turn up. Wearing trousers?

David Hewson

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UNAUDITED RESULTS 6 monins to Smootusie 31 October 1929 CLOctober 1973 13,015.1 8,924.2 Turnover 1,193.4 Profit before tax 969.8 549.3 Taxation 578.5 420.5 Profit after tax 521.1 Profit attributable to shareholders 409.9 Dividends 276.7 151.7 258.2 Retained earnings 244.4 3.70p Earnings per share*

 Turnover up 46% ● Profit before tax up 23% ● Earnings per share up 27% The Chairman, Mr. Bernard Audley, reports strong trading position and. record profits for the year again in prospect.

 An interim dividend of 25p per share (1978–1:4p) will be paid on 6 March 1990. AGB Research Limited 76 Shoe Lene, London EC4A 3/B (01-353 3172)

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Zetters shares down on interim results

By Our Financial Staff pools group, disappointed the Stock Market vesterday with

The shares fell 3p to 60p on pre-tax earnings to the end of last September up from £608,000 to £614,000. But the group is paying its expected first interim dividend of just over 1p gross and chairman Mr Paul Zetter said this is part of the policy to increase the total payout. He says that following a period of considerable increase in trading and profits in recent years—in 1977 profits virtually doubled to just over £1m helped by acquisitions there has now been a levelling off in turnover particularly in the pools division.

£8.2m out of which came pay Zetters, Britain's third largest ments to winners and betting ools group, disappointed the tax of £5.3m. "We have made two big acquisitions in the past only a marginal increase in two years, Empire and Cope's half-time profits. and often when you buy pools companies you reduce the number of people taking the coupon", said Mr Zetter,

In contrast the group's Bingo and Cinema turnover advanced 18 per cent to 12.2m. He says a moderate increase in group profits is expected for the year to the end of March.

end of Marca.

The group is currently in talks to buy its first hotel and is already looking at several others. Cost of the first purchase is likely to be just under the film mark and will be funded from cash flow.

The group is looking at town centre hotels in its traditional Pools stakes received over areas around the Midlands and the six months rose £300,000 to West Midlands.

Streamlining at Bryant Holdings

The board of Bryant Heldings The board, therefore, has been joined by Mr A. decided to combine its building

Mackenzie and Mr M. C. G. and civil engineering activities to avoid the duplication in over-Smith. In addition, in con-nexion with contracting, the This will also provide a more directors say that the cuts in efficient integrated service. For Government expenditure dictate this purpose a new wholly-a policy of moving more into owned subsidiary, Bryant Con-the private sector. struction, has been formed.

Business appointments

Two new directors join the Woolworth board

Mr D. Collier and Mr J. G. Dodds have been appointed directors of F. W. Woolworth. tors of F. W. Woolworth.
Mr Roger Heminway has redened as a director of B & Q (Retail).

Mr Noel Atkins, formerly sales manager, has been promoted to the post of sales director of Scan

the post of sales aircolo. Computers.

Mr John Wilcox has been elected chairman of the Retail Trad-ing Standards Association. He suc-ceeds Mr Garvin Fisher. Group director of personnel, Mr B. D. Whymant-Morris, has been suppointed to the board of Y. J. Lovell (Holdings).
Mr N. Brocklebank, manag-

ing director of Priestman Brothers, has been elected as president of the Federation of Manufacturers of Construction Equipment and Cranes. The members of the federation have also approved the appointment T. E. Morgan, managing director of Brown Lenox & Co as deputy president and Mr A. Cheetham, managing director of Stothert & Pirt as vice-president.

Mr Tom Swartele is the new

vice-president, marketing, Europe

Amalgamated Tin Mines of Nigeria (Holdings) has appointed Mr G. Gardiner a

column. Mr. R. M. Denny has been prointed a director of Redif-

tive of Lewis's.

Mr J. A. Blades has been appointed finance director of Linfood Holdings.

Mr G. N. Corah has given up his post as joint managing director of Corah but remains executive chairman, Mr L. O. Heigeson becomes raise managing director.

F Wrighton down 68 pc at half way

a 68 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £60,000 for the half year to September 30.

The board at this furniture maker explains that the results were affected by the deterior-ating economic climate at a time when the group is implementing certain major developments. An increase in capital expendi-ture and the higher stock levels required for a new production programme have effectively reduced the tax charge.

Also, the French subsidiary, which has for so long been a problem, has had a very successful first six months,

Scrip issue from McKay Secs

Best-ever profits and a big boost in dividend are predicted by property group, McKay Securities. In the half-year to September 30, gross rents and service charges receivable rose by 44 per cent to £1.08m, while pre-tax profits climbed by 53 per cent to £460,000.

The interim payment is being more than trebled to 1.92p gross, against 0.52p last time; the board is proposing a one-for-three scrip issue and it expects the results for the second half-year to be "not less" than the first's—which would indicate pre-tax profits for the year of about £920,000, a record if schieved, Pre-tax profits for 1978-79 reached £703,000.

The board also expects to be able to pay a final of 1.92p gross on the bigger capital. This would mean a total pay-

COMME BOLDINGS

(7.99 per cent).

at 3.50 a scare.

in US purchase

The International Publishing The International Publishing Corporation, publishing division of Reed International, has acquired the Kiver Organisation of Chicago through its United States subsidiary, Cahners Publishing

lishing.

The Kiver Organisation is a publishing and exhibition company, publishing 3 business magazines in the electronics megazines in the electronics field and promoting 23 exhibi-tions in the United States, Europe and Asia. Kiver had a turnover of \$11m in 1979, and range of publications and exhibitions are complementary to those of Cahners.

Halstead reorganizes

to speed growth James Halstead (Holdings) James Halstead (Holdings) has embarked upon a major reorganization of some of its operating companies in a determined effort to achieve further and more speedy profitable growth. The Halstead Group, with headquarters in Manchester, has major interests in the manufacture and sale of PVC floor coverings protective. PVC floor coverings, protective clothing, and coated fabrics. To develop the existing pro-tective clothing business and other leisure market opportunities, an intermediate group structure has been set up in the form of a new company— Titan Leisure Group. This com-

On sales up from £4.12m to £4.64m F. Wrighton and Sons (Associated Companies reports a 68 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £50,000 for the half

Hickson & Welch sees similar year

Dr Thomas Harrington, the chairman at Hickson & Welch forecasts in his annual statement similar results for 1979-80 as those achieved last year. This is based on several factors, like the costs of energy, strength of sterling and the prospect of a recession. The increased cost of gas will cost the group some £1m this year. With prospect of a deepening

recession sales are bound to be affected but the group's sales are spread across a wide spec-trum so the impact may be mitigated and so far this year the company has not experienced

D. F. Bevan up 67 pc in first half-year

On turpover only 17 per cent greater at £6.86m, pre-tax pro-fits of D. F. Bevan (Holdings) climbed by 67 per cent to £252,000 in the half-year to September 30, 1979. The board looks forward to a second half materially better than the first, but adds that it would be pany will act as co-ordinator for the development of two of unrealistic to envisage en increase as dramatic as group's subsidiaries, Bel-

In 1978-79, taxable profits doubled to £550,000, a record. An interim dividend of 0.71p gross is being paid; the direc-tors remain confident that last year's dividend (which was f2.42 gross) will be maintained on the capital as increased by the recent one-forfive scrip issue. But in view of the current high interest rates, the board considers it prudent to declare a "relatively modest interim dividend ".

SEET manages a 5pc increase

On the back of a 23 per cent expansion in turnover to £6.29m, pre-tax profits of Scottish, English and European Textiles managed to rise by 5 per cent to £648,000 in the six months to October 31.

Raising the interim payment, gross, from 1.1p to 1.14p, the Sales and profits in the two months to November last year were maintained at essentially the same levels as in the second half of last year,

Parts-Mobile

Supra Group has acquired Parts-Mobile for £395,000. This is satisfied by 564,286 ordinary shares at 70p per share. Net tangible assets of Parts-Mobile December 31, 1978, was E340,768. Sales for 1978 were £716,000 and pre-tax profit

£59.000. Turnover in 1979 was 23 per cent ahead of the previous year and pre-rax profit is expected to be substantially ahead,

TRIDENT LIFE

Trident Life announces record new business figures for 1979. Single Premium, £26.3m (£11.1m). Regular Premium, £5.2m (£3.1m).

Chairma preports that both fac-tories and shops have made a "satisfactory" start to current year and orders from retail custo-mers for spring have come in wall.

The W.H.S. Pension Trust has acquired 275,000 "B" ordinary shares in W. H. Smith and Son (Holdings) and now holds 5.77m "B" (8.3 per cent).

J. P. Menko, a substantial share-holder, has soid 155,000 ordinaries, reducing her, interest to 164,297 (less than 5 per cent).

Engineering strike hits fasteners group

By Our Financial Staff

But for the engineering crease came from the specialist strike, profits from Middlands drop forging subsidiary T B industrial fasteners group Wellings which increased its export both direct and indirect.

The middle regress of pressing industrial fasteners group Benjamin Priest would have been about £350,000 better. As it was the pre tax figure for the half year to September 28, 1979, amounted to £1.2m

against a previous £948,000.

Turnover in the period rose from £9.8m to £22m. However, the 1979 figures include a firsttime contribution from Warne Wright & Rowland, bought in November 1978 for £7.5m in cash and shares, and as such bear little comparison to the previous period.

Chairman, Mr Charles Wardle reports that profits in the first four months of the year were almost a tenth up on the pre-vious period and the third quarter has shown a similar in-

export both direct and indirect,
The middle range of pressing
work had a quiet first half
while the material bandling
side, although not increasing
sits interim contribution, has
landed a large contract which
will improve its second half protit:

Capital spending in the first half amounted to £1.5m which has increased borrowings, as a percentage of shareholders funds, from a year-end total of 28 to 30 per cent.

By the end of the second hair, spending on plant and machinery is likely to amount to \$2m. The interim dividend has been stepped up from 22p to 2.4p. The share price was unchanged yesterday at 71p.

Menswear side pulls down Lincroft Kilgour results

By Our Financial Staff

The shares of cloth merchanting and menswear manufac-turer, Lincroft Kilgour, slipped 3p to 35p yesterday following disappointing profits. Despite a warning at the

interim stage that the first-half fall would continue, the secondhalf downturn proved to be more severe and full-year pre-tax profits ended some 50 per cent lower at £435,000. Turn-over for the year to September 30, 1979, rose to £14.5m against a previous £13.6m. The sharp decrease in profits

came from menswear manufac-turing where at the trading eval they fall from £490,000 to £101,000. Because of the sharp drop in sales, the directors decided to absorb the increase in VAT to prevent an increase in stocks but this reduced overall trading margins from 7 to 3.7 per cent.

The group exports about a third of its business and the strength of sterling cost it about £136,000 in exchange losses, against £100,000. Investment



income rose from £31,000 to £44,000. First-half profits were hit by the lorry drivers' strike and the severe winter. The final dividend has been maintained at 3.40 gross raising the total accordance. 3.4p gross, raising the total payout from 5.75p to 5.9p where it is uncovered by earnings.

forced up pretax profits at MIM Holdings, the Austrelian mining house, from \$A26.2m (£18.1m) to \$A93.8m in the first half to the end of Decem-ber. MIM, which is one of Austrains leading mining com-panies, expects profits will con-tinue to be strong for the next few months but that metal

over w \$A.212m. \$A368m. against

And it seems as though one of Australia's longer-running takeover bids is entering the final phase. The board of BR South is recommending to those

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chairman, Mr L. O. Heigesou becomes sole managing director.

Mr G. H. J. Robinson becomes chairman of Spring Grove Services in succession to Mr G. C. Rowett. who remains on the board as a non-executive director.

Mr G. F. Gray has been made a director of British Electric Traction. He is chairman of the group's plant hire interests.

Mr R. A. Jones joins the board of Balfour Kilpatrick.

Mr J. C. McFarlane is now a director of Sidlaw Industries.

director of the company.

The Earl of Airlie is to become a director of The Royal Bank of

appointed a director of Redifusion Television.

Mr G. Barber is to be managing director of Miss Scifridge. He succeeds Mr H. B. Leake, who will remain a non-executive director of the company and chief executive of Lewis's.

Mr. A. Blades, her bear

BOOTHAM ENGINEERS Pre-tax profits for year to October 31, £796,000 (£681,000). Turnover, £6.57m (£5m). Total dividend more than doubled to 16.42p gross (against equivalent of

HOWARD SHUTTERING Moorgate Investment has an interest in 279,000 ordinary shares (5.62 per cent). Mr J. A. Howard.

SUTER ELECTRICAL

Co-operative Insurance acquired

165,000 ordinary shares (5.02 per cent). Mr G. H. Whittome, a director disposed of 67.000 ordinary and 3,000 deferred, Mr R. Schoffeld, director, acquired 3,000 Great Northern Investment and Trust has acquired 400,000 ordi-nary shares and now holds 650,000 shares (5.04 per cent). deferred ordinary.

SPENCER GEARS (HOLDINGS)
Oceans Consolidated has acquired further 225,000 ordinary shares and now holds 730,000 E. LANCASHILE PAPER Greenbrooke Securities acquired a further \$2,500 shares and now owns 642,500 (11.79 per cent).

Briefly •

SCHLESINGER (JERSEY) Net deficit of Schlesinger International (Jersey) for ball-year to September 30, 521,000, Year's dividend likely to be maintained

MIDLAND BANK Midland Bank's development capital subsidiary Midland Montague Industrial Finance, completed arrangements to invest in a new British company which produces a range of very advanced technology strain gauge transducers and electronic measurement instrumentation. Company is Measurand International (transducers). a director has disposed of 32,000

STAFFORDSHIRE BS The Wolverhampton-based Staf-fordshire Building Society reports record receipts from its savers and

investors of over £84m during 1979, an increase of over 27 per cent on the previous year. Total assets have increased by 21.63 per cent to over £161m. The total of cent to over 1161m. The total of new investments, including in-terest credited to accounts, after all withdrawals had been paid, exceeded £27m. 26,500 new savings and investment accounts were opened making the total number of savers and investors 140,837.

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS Interest rate on this week's issues of local authority yearing bonds is 15; per cent; issue price, 106 (last week, 15 per cent at 200)

MITCHELL COTTS A 2,000m fracts (Belgian) contract (about £30m) for the extension and completion of the Brussels North Communications Centre has been awarded to Mitchell Cotts, Belgian offshoot in a joint venture with three other major construction firms.

INJURY COMPENSATION
A rotal of £1.32m in personal injury compensation has been recovered for 1,288 members of the Odd Fellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society over the last 22 years. This has been done under

the free legal-aid scheme open to the society's 250,000 UK members, Certain trada unions offer this benefit. However, this is the largest such scheme run by a friendly society.

FLEXELLO CASTORS Mr M. Menko, a director, has a beneficial interest in 752,211 ordinary shares (22.7 per cent) of Flexelio Caspors and Wheels, Miss Mr. Tony Holland, chairman of Lincroft Kilgour.

Metal prices boost MIM

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Stock markets

Gold shares lead decline in equity prices

Profit-taking and a general ket of late, had their wings shortage of cash combined to clipped with Poseidon 13p off at 134p and Northern Kalgoorlie takeover of sanitaryware group to short in the "A" at 299p.

A with see Shapks in which deal- This was attributed to a single

Government securities expenenced a serback and a sharp decline in the gold price resulted in some heavy falls in

Equities began nervously and soon encountered some selling as the institutions withdrew their cash in an effort to raise money for this morning's new issue in the gilts market.

Gilts themselves experienced small bouts of selling through-out the day with dealers antici-pating a switch into the new tap. But other considerations, including the unsettled situation in the steel strike, did little to help.

Longs registered fails of between £1 and £1, which was slightly off the bottom, while at the shorter end of the market, setbacks of about £1 were not uncommon.

Business after hours showed a slightly better tone and, after falling 8.9 down at 1 pm, the FT Index went on to close 7.9 off at 449.8. Hawker Stadely dipped up to 186p and losses of 2p were noted in Glaxo at 476p, Pilking-ton Bros at 218p and Dunlop at 59p.

Blue Circle Industries fell

The heaviest falls were seen in gold shares where the arrival profit takers sent the price gold bullion plunging \$140 close at \$685 an ounce. This to close at \$635 an ounce. This in turn, signalled a sharp marking thown of gold shares by jobbers who had anxiously waited for the bubble to burst. Angle American Gold plummeted \$10. to \$861. West Driefoutein \$61 to \$791 St Helena \$11 to \$331 while among the cheaper priced shares venterspost dipped \$14 to \$142. The London financials were not left tenscathed as Consolidated Gold Fields retreated 32n to 4850 as did RTZ 240 to 5350, and Selection Trust 25p to 644p. Australians, a buoyant mar-

6p to 50p. The selling spilled over into other metals such as platinums where Rustenburg fell by 61p to 358p and Impala by 44p to 270p.

Despite pesterdays profit taking the search for gold mines of surrogates proceeds apace. We have had flurries in Johnson Matthey and Midland Bank. Surely Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank and owner of Sharps Pixley, the bullion dealer deserves a mention. The shares rose 2p to 140p.

Leading industrials reflected the uncertain conditions with widespread falls. ICI was 8p off at 371p followed by similar falls in Unilever at 466p, Fisons at 282p, BAT's at 263p and Reed International at 1870. Hawker Siddely dipped 4p to 186p and losses of 2p were noted in Glaxo at 476p, Pilking-ton Eros at 218p and Dunlop

Armitage Shanks in which dealings have been temporarily suspended. The formal offer document from Marsh Maclellan did little for shares of C. T, Bowring which retreated 2p to 141p, but the recent optimistic annual report from Sotheby Parke Bernet continued to fuel the shares which climbed a fur-ther 22p to 445p.

Speculative interest drew attention to Hoveringham 6p up at 72p, International Thomson or 25, International Indiason of petter at 423p and Gieves Group 4p up at 107p following its recent sale and cash pay-ment of 60p a share to its holders. Other bright spots included Newman Tonks, up 2p at 66p, after comment, and Louis Newmark 8p stronger at 235p ahead of figures due next week. However, profit taking clipped 4p from Pleasurama at 172p which has been the sub-ject of speculation following the recent death of its chair-

Shares of Racel Electronics performed extremely well as the market eagerly awaited the

This was attributed to a single buyer in the market who managed to push the price 5p higher at 209p.

GEC, also thought to be in-

to 354p.

The conventional wisdom is that Glymwed made profits of only £14.5m or so last year against £16m for 1978. However they could well be wrong. Some say £17m is more likely, together with an increase in final dividend. The shares are 91p.

Plantations were an active sector aided by a bullish broker's circular. Guthrie improved 7p to 689p on renewed talk of a bid from Sime Darby, 1p better at 79. Elsewhere, Bertam was 6p firmer at 62p, as was Inch Kenneth at 230p and Kulim Malaysia 41p up at 521p, while in teas a bid from Tategold lifted Doloi 55p to 270p.

Prices held by MFI as profits continue to rise

Profits at flat-pack furniture group MFI have continued to surge ahead in the first half of the current year.

were all easier with falls of 8p in National Westminster at 358p, Lloyds at 308p and Barclays at 428p. Even Midland fell by the same following the sale of its various 2 and 1 Despite the television strike which hit one of MFI's major advertising campaigns, and the increase in VAT, pre-tax profits rose by a third to 58m in the 26 weeks to November 24, 1979. Turnover in the period rose from a previous 540m to 556m, Properties also suffered a further setback as Land Securities tumbled 8p to 277p followed by MEPC 3p down at 178p and Peachey 5p off at 122p.

Oils remained dull with falls of 20 to 348p in BP, 6p to 324p in Shell and 8p to 428p in eaving margins almost a point righter at 14 per cent.

However the group has not increased prices for the past 18 months and reports that it will hold them until the year end at least. So it is relying on the property to be a second to be a volume growth to keep profits on the move.

In the six months under re-view MFI added 200,000 sq ft to its selling space, taking the total to around 1.3m sq ft and around half of the improvement in volume came from this increase in outlets.

Nine new stores were opened in the period, and two smaller branches closed, and a further seven are planned for the second half,

Although saw material costs

Mr Arthur Southon, chairman

rose by around a tenth the group managed to hold prices by encouraging its manufacturers to improve production and increase volume. MFI does not manufacture any of its own

The television strike did affect its August Bank Holiday sale—one of the three major annual promotions—while turn-

over was also his by the VAT increase in the last budget. However, chairman Mr Arthur Southon reports that sales reached record levels in some of the outlets during the recent discounts. The final major sale of the year is at Easter which means that the second half traditionally contributes a larger share of profits because two of the three main selling times fall into that

As such MFI is, expected to turn in profits of about £19.25m for the full year, which is above the group's forecast total of

518m.
The interim dividend has been increased from 0.488p to 1.57p gross while the forecast for the full year amounts to

The shares, which fell 3p to 81p yesterday, now yield a pros-pective 4.6 per cent while the p/e amounts to 11.5 fully taxed. Although the group currently has no interest charges, this is likely to change by the year end as MFI draws down a bank facility to pay for the new £6m distribution complex at Northampton which is planned to open in the autumn.

Company Int or Fin	Sales ·	Profits	Earnings per share	Div	Pay	Year's total
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Bootham Engs (F)	6.6(5.0)	0.79(0.68)	45.5(40.6)	6.0(2.8)	- 1	11.5(5.14)
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Ben Priest (1)	22.0(9.7)	1.2(0.9)	5.67(8.19)	1.7(1.5)	28/3 -	-(6.1)
Lincroft Kilgour (F)	14.5(13.6)	0.43(0.87)	5.16(16.95)	2.4(12.4)		.15(3.9)
MFI (1)	56.0(40.0)	8.0(6.0)	3.8(3.5)	1.1(0.37)		-(-)
Seet (1)	6.2(5.1)	0.64(0.61)	—(—)	0.8(0.7)	3/3 -	-i-i
Wintrust (I)	-(-)	0.70(0.59)	5.0(4.9)	0.87(0.87)		-(-)
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Interest rates hold profit growth to 4pc at Amber Day

Increased interest charges, following the group's expansion with two major acquisitions, has slowed profits growth at Amber Day Holdings, the clothing manufacturer and retailer, in the first half.

Pre-tax profits rose by 4 per cent to £1m while turnover inreased by almost a third to £16.5m in the six months to October 31 1979. Finance charges during the period amounted to £288,000 compared to £44,000 in the corresponding

six months last year. But Mr.

22m worth of preference shares. "The latter is also reflected in a most satisfactory liquid position which will enable the position which will enable the company to continue its policy of diversification and steady growth within the clothing industry," he said.

Profits from the Randell Fashion Group, a ladies chain of seven stores which was one of the recent acquisitions.

Ronald Metzger, chairman, said that the higher interest costs will be offset in future, by the

of the recent acquisitions, amounted to £81,000. Its sales were £671,000 of

which £466,000 was made before the date of the acquisi-

Amber Day also made a £225,000 profit on the sale and leaseback of premises in London, while its reorganization of

don, while its reorganization of the ladieswear retail division and the integration of Randall cost about £165,000.

The ladieswear and menswear retail divisions suffered from the near-doubling of VAT and although the group boped that there would have been considerable benefits from the tax rebates this did not materialize, said Mr Metzzer. said Mr Metzger.

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Apriî	1,280	1,268	5.4	244
VBY	7.230	1,247	4.3	256
lumus	1.281	1,221	5.2	261 .
July	1,392	1,219	5.2	252
lug	1.334	1,205	5.1	244
Sept	1.325	1.204	5-7	242
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	South West	88,600-	- 1.800	5.3
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	E Midlands	73,900	+1,400	4,6
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44	Humberside	116,400	÷ 9:100	7.0 %
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Fiat chief resigns in year of 'lost opportunity'

From John Earle

Signor Nicola Tufarelli, joint managing director of Fist, resigned yesterday as the chairman, Signor Glovanni Agnelli, announced disappointing pro-gress for the Turin-based motor vehicle manufacturer in 1979, a year of "lost opportunities". los Inchian plants produced 1,322,000 motor cars and commercial vehicles, three thousand

mercial vehicles, three thousand fewer than in 1978.

A communique said the board, after being told by Signor Agnelli of malfunctioning and of "an insufficient degree of homogeneity" in the executive committee, took note of the resignation with effect from yesterday of Signor. Tufarelli from the post to which he had been appointed for the he had been appointed for the three years 1979-81.

The Fiat leadership now consists of Signor Giovanni Agnelli, Umberto Agnelli, deputy chair-man, and Signor Cesare Romiti,

managing director.

In his six-monthly letter to shareholders, Signor Agnelli said industrial strike was the cause of missed chances in 1979, with 9 million hours bet through strikes in the motor can sector and 1.8 million in the industrial vehicle sector.

Denying recent reports of the group being in difficulties, the charman said the financial situation had been reinforced. The "net financial position" showed a positive balance of 1,465bn lire (£813m) compared to £30bn lire at December 31, 1978.

Consolidated group turnover and shipping concern has 20,000 rose from 13,135bn lire to amployees and a turnover of 15,250bn lire and employees alightly more than Kr5bn.

from 347 to 360 thousand. New In 1977 Graenges booked the capital investment amounted to 920bn lire.

Last year felt below expecta-tions, Signor Agnelli wrote, because of inability to meet sustained demand in cars, and because of an unfavourable market for industrial vehicles. The group was unable to satisfy expending demand in Britain, France, West Germany, and Italy itself, where its market share fell by two points to 51

International

against 551,000 in 1978. The group's market penetration in Europe (including Italy) was now 12.6 per cent

Electrolux-Graenges

The Electrolux AB, one of the world's largest manufacturers of household appliances, hes smoothced plane to purchase the Graenges mining, metal and shipping concern. According to Electrohux, the board has unanimously decided

to submit an offer to buy all the

shares of Graenges AB. The Electrolux with 75,000 employees and a turnover of over Kr13bn, is Sweden's over Krism, of fifth largest concern.
The Graenges mining, metal

In 1977 Graenges booked the largest loss ever registered by a Swedish stock company, but this year was expected to yield a small profit. Electrolux in recent years emerged as one of Sweden's most profitable and expanding export companies.

Thomson-CSF

Thomson-CSF of France has announced the grouping of its data-processing activities under a new holding company. Thomson-CSF-informatique. It will own or control 13 comrange of equipment, services rise to around Fr100m is and engineering employing from Fr80.1m in 1978.

turnover of Fr1.75bn last year, and in 1980 is likely to reach. Cheirman Mr Philip Jones let alone to socresse them along with old favourites 25 per cent in exports, and about Fr6bn, the company said. said the second-half perfort to adequate levels, he said. Lenrho and Ladbroke Warrants.

"We plan to invest in an attempt to expand our activities abroad in highly industrialized countries such as the United States", he said.

sale of its remaining 3m shares

after an approach from broker

W. Greenwell, Alexanders Dis-count continued to gain ground

after its recent figures rising 5p to 214p.

Among the second

Among the second liners, Aran Energy climbed 20p to 358p on speculative buying. But profit taking clipped 18p from Siebens at 550p and National Carbonising shed 5p to 123p on fears of its attempting a full scale bid for Weeks Petroleum.

The fear of a further rise in

duty in the next Budget provi-ded for a serback among the

drinks sector. Grand Met eased 70 to 1360. Allied fell 310 to 8010 and Bass Charrington dipped 50 to 2060. On the bid

front. Davenports retreated Sp to 148p after recent specula-tion that Woiverhampton & Dudley, Sp off at 276p, was about to make an offer and Highlands Distillers conceded

30 to 139p amid rumours that the group was about to publish another defence document.

Equity turnover on January 21, was £153.623m (22,508 bar-gains). Active stocks yesterday,

according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, R.T.Z., Consolidated Gold Fields, ICI, BP, Tri-

centrol Charter Consolidated, GEC, Grand Metropolitan

Barclays, Shell and

Standard Chartered, unchanged at 499p, for a price be-lieved to be about 485p a share

In reply to questions, M De Villepin said that Thomson-CSF had contracted to supply logistics and services to the Soviet Union for the 1980 Olympic games. "We have every reason to believe that the contract (worth about Fr20m) will be honored by both parties", he added.

Bouygues optimistic

will own or control 13 com-panies covering the entire if expects group ner profit to range of equipment, services rise to around Fr100m for 1979

Turnover in 1979, including President Francois De Vil- taxes, is expected to rise to lepin said the group had a Fr5.45bn from Fr5.05bn in 1978

Jones, Stroud setback

By Our Financial Staff Midterm profits of Jones, Smoud (Holdings), the Notting-ham-based textile trimmings to electrical insulation group, fell by a quarter in the six months

to last September. High interest rates, losses in High interest rates, losses in Canada, the reorganization of J and J Cash (Coventry) and the effect of the engineering strike on the group's electrical operations, which contributes half the group's profits, brought group estrings down to just over £1 million. The group is paying an unchanged gross dividend of 2.85p and say the final is expected to be mathematical. The shares dropped 3p to 70p.

Chairman Mr Philip Jones

mance should metch the first, elthough it will carry some of the £1.5 million plant renewal programme which has been spent over the past two to three years.

The group has also closed and, subject to contract, sold J and J Cash (Canada) where losses were running at the rate of £100,000 a year.

Interest payments for the first half jumped 65 per cent to 5322,000. Mr Jones said that

interest rates are even higher now, but there are plant drastically to reduce the group's overdraft.

"We are entering a period of increasing compension due to the recession and it will be desired as difficult to maintain margins

Options

Dealer's began trading in the new series of RTZ February, hisy and August 420p options yesterday and were promptly treated to a fall in the share price of 24p to 335p. This was mainly the result of the sharp fall in the bullion price which only 273 contracts out of a total of 1,260 options compared with

The second day of the new account among traditional option saw a relatively quiet time with dealers reporting a fall off in activity along with the rameinder of the market. John Brown, with figures out this week, featured strongly

Extracts from the 1979 Annual Report and Statement by the Chairman, Dr. T. Harrington

In my last ennual statement I wrote that the U.S. Dollar continued to weaken, the world market in chemicals remained uncertain and that at the time of writing the price of oil derived raw : materials was rising steeply. I also said that if there was no major interruption to production and if pay levels could be kept within reasonable limits, the year ahead would show an improvement. These comments told almost the whole story of 1978/79 so far as the chemical side of our business was concerned and because of the nature of our activities some of the adverse factors had a more significant impact upon our business than on some of the other companies in the chemical industry. Of particular consequence to the Chemicals division was the road haulage dispute which put some plants out of action for hearly a month with a loss of profit of the order of £1.0m; interruptions in gas supplies during the early part of the year; a dramatic increase in the price of certain basic raw materials; and the effect of the stronger pound on exports -an important feature of the U.K. chemical companies' trading.

Difficult trading conditions also affected timber preservation activities and overall profits were slightly down as compared with last year. In building materials, Alvin, Morris Ltd. had a very ~ I had hoped to see an increase in profit for the year,

and therefore what was essentially a 'no change' situation was disappointing, particularly as many of the factors which brought this about were outside the control of our management and employees. Finance and Capital Investment Spending on fixed assets in the U.K. was below

forecast at £6.1m, but, primarily due to the dramatic rise in raw material prices, working capital increased by £5.0m in the year and this in turn gavegise to an increase in borrowing higher than originally expected. Overall borrowing in the period increased from £4.6m to £9.7m and this resulted in an interest charge of £1.021m as compared with £0.403m in 1977/78.

In recent years capital investment has been high, particularly in the U.K. chemical companies. However, with most major CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS HICKSON

projects now completed and bearing in mind the present high interest rates a reduction in expenditure is planned for the year ahead. This in itself should help to contain borrowing, although a further increase in working capital requirements is to be expected.

Future Prospects Based on current information, I think that in 1979/80 it will be difficult to improve on the results for the year under review. On the credit side, we now have available in the

chemical companies production facilities which can sustain a higher level of output than at present. Furthermore, capital investment in recent years has ensured that our plants are of the highest standard. In timber preservation we have a diversity of products and a wide geographical spread of business which I believe constitutes a sound basis

for longer term expansion. In both our chemical and timber operations we have a highly qualified workforce and considerable technical know-how. I believe that sithough we are now passing through difficult times your company has inherent strengths which will stand it in good stead in the future.

Year ended 30th September	1979	1978
I EDI CINDA COO. O.P.	£'900	. £'000
Group profit before taxation -	5,864	8,116
Earnings for ordinary shareholders — — —	7,821	7,289
Total ordinary dividend -	1.458	747
I of 31 OLOFICIAL A GRAINGING -	(15%)*	(7.7248%)
Investment in new capital		
expenditure	6,542	5,842
	85,527	71,451
Ternover — — — —	39,200	25,300
Export sales of the U.K. companies	39	38
Earnings - pence per share -	73	•
•Net		

The full Annual Report and Chairman's Statement can be obtained from the Secretary, Castleford, West Yorkshire WF102JT.

AND TIMBER PRESERVERS

The Chairman Reports

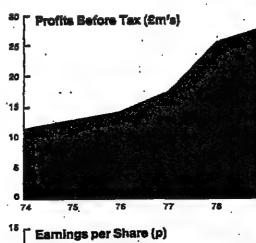
The main business of the Lloyds and Scottish Group is finance and financial services, in the widest sense.

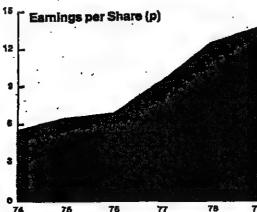
The cost of money, therefore, is an important influence on profit performance.

During the 12 months to 30th September 1979, the average Finance Houses Association Base Rate was 61% higher than in the previous 12 months, putting pressure on margins in our financing business. During the same period, however, the Group returned a pre-tax profit of £27.8 million, an increase of

Instalment debtors, factored debts and leased assets increased by £234 million-42 percent-a measure of the growth in our financing activities.

£2.3 million.





Earnings per share rose from 12.60p to 13.22p, and the Board is recommending a final dividend of 3.40p per share, making a total of 5.27p for the year Net of tax, this is an increase of 19.6 percent over the previous year Bearing in mind the high cost of funds, I believe these results can be considered as satisfactory and demonstrate the strength that Lloyds and Scottish derives from the spread of its activities.

George Duncan

	Financial Highlights	1979	1978	
;	Group Profit before taxation Earnings attributable	£27.8m	£25.5m	+99
	to shareholders Earnings per share	£14.2m 13.22p.	£13.4m 12.60p	
ĺ	Dividends per share	5.27p	4.4069p	+19.69
	Shareholders funds Net borrowings	£91.9m £572.4m	£79.0m £457.8m	
	Gross assets	£903.0m		



A detailed review of the Lloyds and Scottish Group is contained in the Report and Accounts for the 12 months to 30th September, 1979. For a copy, please write to the Secretary, Lloyds and Scottish Limited, 8/9 Chesterfield Hill, London W1X 7RG.

MARKET REPORTS

Discount market

As expected, credit remained in extremely short supply yesterday and the Bank of England was finally required to assist the market on a very large scale. This assistance again took various forms. The Bank bought a small amount of Treasury bills, from the banks and the houses, a small number of local authority bills from the houses, and a moderate quantity of "eligible" bank bills from the houses.

Also, the authorities lent a moderate sum overnight to six or seven houses at 17 per cent MLR.

For much of the day, houses

MLR.
For much of the day, houses were stuck on 17 per cent pending official intervention. Only late in the day, after the programme of help, did rates come off to hetween 15 and 163 per cent for final balances. Overnight money interbank commanded around 20 per cent at times.

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(4.163.90c); six months, 1.840n (4.163.30c); one year: 1.870p M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited

1979 High	9 'AD Low'	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Olvi pi	Yid fo	P/E
99	73	Airsprung Group	73	_	6.7	9.2	
50	38	Armitage & Rhodes	40	_	3.8	3.5	+2.6
225	226	Bardon Hill	226	+1	13.8	6.1	*6. 5
101	63	Deborah Ord	• 93	_	5.0	5.4	10.2
353	140	Deborah 171% CULS	350	_	17.5	5.0	
92	88	Frank Horsell	. 92		. 7.9		5.7
129	100	Frederick Parker	108	-	12.8	11.9	*8.4
156	105	George Blair	105	_	16.5	15.7	*
61	45	Jackson Group	, 61	+1		8.5	*3.6 *
153	115	James Burrough	115	-1	7.2	6.3	10.1
300	242	Robert Jenkins	250	_	31.3	12.5	*8.0
232	175	Torday Limited	223	_	14.3	6.4	₹5.8
34	161	Twinlock Ord	23	_	0.8	3.7	*4.4
80	70	Twinlock 12° ULS	76	_	12.0 -	15.8	_
56	23	Unilock Holdings	76 56	. —	2.6	4.6	. 11.9.
84	42	Walter Alexander	81		4.4	5.4	5.4
190	136	W. S. Yeares	185	_	11.5	- 6.2	7.2

* Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15.

BENJAMIN PRIEST & SONS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED Interim Report

The unaudited results for the half year to 28th September, together with those for the corresponding period in 1978

are as follows:	Half y	Year to March	
	September		
Turzover	1979 £'000 22,023	1978 £'000 9,791	1979 £'060 28,916
Profit before interest	1,583 378	997 49	2,848 233
Profit before taxation	1,205	948	2,615 .

The Directors are pleased to report that profit before taxation increased to £1,205,000 on sales turnover that has risen to £22,023,000. These results include a contribution from Warne, Wright and Rowland Limited for the whole six mouths.

Profits advanced satisfactorily for the first four months but were inevitably affected by the national engineering dispute during August and September. Throughout the half year, full advantage was taken of the enlarged base of manufacturing activities afforded by the acquisition of Warne, Wright Fresh opportunities for internal expansion are being actively pursued and the Group has made a further substantial investment in new plant and machinery to cater for planned growth in the 1980s.

After the industry returned to normal working, the trading performance for the third quarter resumed its earlier satisfactory level. In spite of the difficulties in industrial relations on a national scale, the Directors are confident about the fundamental strength and long term prospects of the Group. With regard to the rest of the year, however, the dispute which has now halted production at the British Steel Corporation makes it impossible to forecast the final outcome.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 1.694p actual per share, equivalent to approximately 9.68% (1978: 8.8%) on the former gross basis, an increase of 10%. C. F. Wardle, Chairman.

22nd January, 1980.

Wall Street

New York, Jan 22.—The stock market retreated in heavy trad-ing as high-flying precious metals stocks were dragged metals stocks were dragged down
Gold fell \$143.50 an outce to \$628 and silver \$10. est tradtrs scrambled to leck in profits or cut losses after new limits were imposed on metal dealings.

The D-J industrial average lost seven points and declines led advances two to one as turnover expanded to 51 million shares from the 48,040,000 shares traded vesterday.

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Gold plummets

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Commodities

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ZINC was barely steady. Afternoon.—
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months. £354-85. Sales. 1,700 tonnes.
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months. £358-60. Sattlement: £345.
Sales. 1,600 tonnos.
PLATINUM was at £368.40 (\$840) a

27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone: 01-638 8651 The Over-the-Counter Market

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rd 306-212: May 206-215. Sales, 9 lois, 10 lois, TARGET LIFE Target Life Assurance announce the launch of two new funds, international Equity Fund and UK Equity Fund, in order, to complete their range of internal funds. The International Equity Fund has an investment aim of capital appreciation by selective investment in world-wide equities whilst the UK Equity Fund will provide a balance between income and capital appreciation through investment in a wide spread of UK equities. Foreign exchange report

The dollar was quietly firm throughout and gained a late boost from a statement from the United States Federal Reserve chairman that gold sales would tend to support the Federal's anti-inflation measures. The D mark eased to 1.7340 (1.7280) along with the Swiss franc 1.6105 (1.6900), and the French franc 4.05775 (4.0460). Against the trend the yen established a firm position in dollar terms at 239.60 (240.95). In quiet trading conditions starling drifted lower yesterday to close around its lowest level of the session with an 85pt full at 2.2755 compared with 2.2840 orternight. The trade weighted index also staged a retreat losing 0.3 pts at 72.0 against 72.3 at Mooday's final calculation. Designs with little in the background news to influence the market.

Sterling Spot and Forward



Sterling: Other **Dollar Spot** Rates Markets

EMS European Currency Rates

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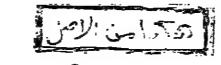
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a contract of the contract of Tom Baker as he appears in The Book Tower (IIV, 4.45)

Michael Cockerell's four-part series War School, about the Army Staff College, Camberley, would technically have to be very bad indeed for it to fall flat on its face. It has everything going for it, from the college's controversial commandant, General Sir Frank Kitson of the laser-beam looks, to young officers—the Kitsons of tomorrow—who thrust at, and parry, Mr Cockerell's questions like fencing masters. Tonight's film, the penultimate programme in the series (BBC 1, 9.25) finds the officers thinking about the unthinkable—nuclear war. They also come up with their own ideas for solving the problem of Northern Ireland. With respect to the latter, it should prove instructive to hear what they have got to say about the IRA. With regard to the former, there is a companion piece on Radio 4 tonight (8.45) in the Analysis series. What does the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan mean in terms of détente? It asks. And what does it say about the role of force as an instrument of foreign policy? The programme puts War School into a very realistic context.

This paragraph is only for the sensation-seeker, the collector of the bizarre, the young (preferably pre-teens) rock music fan and that kind of Arena fan who claims he has never missed one of that kind of Arena fan who claims he has never missed one of the programmes and does not intend to start now. Lene Lovich, Sleeping Beauty (BBC 2, 7.55) is a profile of a young singer (American-born, mother from Hull, father from Yugoslavia) whose voice swoops up and down like some jungle bird, who is only intermittently intelligible, who is be-ribboned and be-scarfed, who wears a fancy noose round her neck and Christmas tinsel over her ears, and who, despite all this, says: "People have often stared at me—I don't know why." She is accompanied to Berlin by a tall, bald gentleman who looks most sinister. He is called Les, which may strike you as being faintly incongruous.

O David Wade, our radio critic, has spoken highly about the Radio 4 sound pictures of British cities On the Town, I must pay my own tribute. Tonight, (7.45) It is the turn of Swansea, a city I knew well when it was still emerging from the smoke and dust of war and which I cannot think about without remembering the grey-black hillocks of laverbread on sale at the open-air market, the calling of gulls over Mumbles Pier and Harry Secombe in pantomime at the old, gone, Empire Theatre. I see that Mr Secombe and his brother, the Rev Fred, are taking part in tonight's programme which is presented by that genial Welshman, Tony Lewis.

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BBC 1

9.05 am For Schools, Colleges: Engineering Craft Studies (electricity); 9.35 lt* Maths; 9.58 let*s Go (Prian Rix); 10.12 Words and Pictures; 10.30 Home Economics (vitamin c); 11.02 Everyday Maths. 11.25 You and Me: for young children. A Visit to Nan's (r). 11.49 For Schools, Colleges: Resource Units (1-13 (English); 12.05 pm Russian-Language and People. (Lesson 2 in the course.) Closedown at 12.30. 12.45 News and weather.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Geoffrey Pardoe, still on the energy theme, looks at the future of public transport. 1.45 Pfayboard: Puppet Show. Three Little Pigs (r).

2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Watch (Robinson Crusoe); 2.18 History (why appeasement?); 2.40 Com-municate! (advertising). Close-down at 3.00. action at 5.00.

3.25 Children's Wardrobe: Ann Ladbury shows how to make a boiler suit.

3.55 Play School: The story of

Trouble in the Ark, by Gerald Form of Death, The "different 4.20 Pixle and Dixle; cartoon, Rapid Robot (r). 4.25 Jacksbury: Kenpeth Williams with another reading from Norman Hunter's The Dribblesome Tea-

4.40 Take Harf: Learning to draw, with Tony Hart. How to make your own ball-point pen.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround: Junior newsreel.

5.10 Our John Willie: The Catherine Cookson story, about two boys given shelter by an eccentric woman (Madeiene Cannon).

5.40 News: with Angela Rippon.

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6.50 Film: Run for the Sun (1956).
Thriller, with Richard Widmark,
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Mexican jungle who are hunted by
ex-Nazi war criminals. A re-make
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8.25 The Two Ronnies: Repeat showing of another of this clever duo's series.

9.00 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

9.25 War School: A Different

form " is nuclear warfare, one of the possibilities that young officers at the Army Staff College at Camberley have to cope with in their training. Also, what British soldiers on duty in Northern Ireland think about the IRA.

9.55 Sportsnight: The Men's Pairs events in the European Figure Stating Championships from Gothenburg. Also, highlights from last night's Loudon fight between Charlie Magri and Anectto Vargas, and between Tony Sibson and Kirkland Laing.

10.45 Parkinson: Michael Parkinson's guests tonight are Robert 10.45 Farkinson: Michael Parkinson's guests tonight are Robert Runcie, Archbishop-elect of Cantarbury; Dudley Moore, Norman St. John-Stevas.

11.45 News and weather.

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BBC 2

Master Game Trophy. Touight's game is between Lothar Schmid of West Germany and Viktor Korch women viewers. Closedown at 10.45.

11.09 Play School: Same as BBC 1, 1978 world champion/hip chess match.

5.35 pm Laurel and Hardy: Brats* (1930): Stanley and Oliver play themselves—and their young sons. Ends with a flood.

5.55 Pride and Prejudice: Part 2 of Fay Weldon's adaptation of the Jane Austen classic. Enner the ridiculous Mr Collins, who is turned down by Elizabeth but not by Charlotte (r).

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8.30 Ffim: Hello Dolly! (1969): Big, noisy, lively but too-long streen version of the stage musical about the matchmaker who is determined to win a reluctant husband. Barbra Streigand plays Dolly, Waiter Matthau is the unwilling spouse-to-be. Directed without much fiair by Gene Kelly.

7.30 Mr Smith's Indoor Garden Geoffrey Smith demonstrates the plant of cultivating a terranium plant case. He also discusses tropical plays programme from Belfast, plants such as Joseph's Coat and the Flanding Sword.

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7.55 Arense: Profile of Lene Lovich, formerly a screamer in Hollywood horror films, and now one of the most bizarre of the New one of the most bizarre of the New Wave rock stars (see Personal

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9.30 am For Schools: Facts for Life 9.30 am For Schools: Facts for Life (family matters); 9.52 My World (space); 10.10 How we Used to Live (Victorian workhouses); 10.33 French; 11.04 Stop, Look, Listen (making paper); 11.16 Finding Out (France); 11.35 How we Used to Live (Temperance Society).
12.00 The 'Adventures of Rupert Bear: Puppet story.
12.10 pm Rainbow: Harry Corbett, creator of Sooty, tells the story of Soco, the Sensational Cyclist, by Semantha Lee.

12.30 The Sullivans: Australian family serial.
1.00 News: with Peter Sissons. 1.20 Thames News: with Robin Hous-

ton.
1.30 The Squirrels: Rerun of the comedy series set in an office. With Bernard Hepton, Ken Jones and Patsy Rowlands.

2.00 After Noon Plus: The juvenile court magistrate who appeared on this programme recently caused such a stir that he is back today,

answering viewers' letters. Also, an item on the silver you should not sell during the present mad rush to convert valuables into instant cash. 2.45 The Outsiders: Young lad (Sascha Hehn) and elderly fellow (Andrew Keir) join up on the open roads of Australia. Today: a family

3.45 Hobson's Choice: Derek Hobson's chat show.
4.15 The Sooty Show: The famous pupper bear and his companions, old and new.
4.45 The Book Tower: Tom Baker comments on six books for children. Pat Coombs plays Miss Pettifer in The Nine Lives of Island Mackende.

Mackenzie. 5.15 Mr and Mrs: Quiz games for 5.15 Mr and furz Quiz games for married couples. 5.45 News. 6.80 Thames News. 6.25 Help! The Joan Sherton in-formation and guidance spot. 6.35 Crossroads: motel serial. Praise for Police-constable Steve Cater.
7.00 This is Your Life: Another

tribute to someone or other, by Eamonn Andrews, 7.30 Coronation Street: Mavis Riley has some news for Len Fair-clough about his wife Rits. 2.00 London Night Out: Variety show, compered by Tom O'Conner. With Frankie Vaughan, Karen Kay, and Rod Hull and Emu who try their hand at the Name That Tune contest.

Tune contest.

9.06 Disaster on the Coastliner:
American thriller about a very disturbed computer man (Paul Smith)
who sets two trains, harding
towards each other. Lloyd Bridges
plays a secret service agent who
does what he can to prevent the
disaster. Part 1.
18.09 News.

10.30 Disaster on the Constiner; Part 2 of the thriller. 11.15 In Performance; Sarah Vaug-han and Buddy Rich. Concert with these two popular American entertriners. 12.15 am Close : The Rev Alec

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10.45-12.00 For Schools: The Music Box; By the People, for the People; Inquiry; Quest. 2.00-3.00 pm For Schools: Move-ment and Drama I; Books, Plays, Poems; Nature. 5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Sur le Vil

10.00 News. 10.05 Gardeners' Question Time. 10,30 Daily Service. 10,45 The Wooden Horse (3).

12.00 news.
12.00 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Plays: The Devil to Pay; The Bognor Regis Vampire.
12.55 Weather. 12.00 News.

Radio 4

9.00 News. 9.05 Mid-Week.

6.00 am News Eriefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines.

35 Yesterday in Parliament.

12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.

3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: Brothers of the Sword, by Michael Abbensetts.
4.00 Choral Evensong. 4.45 Story: Let's All Get Out and Walk.
S.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
5.30 My Music.†
7.00 News.

7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint.
7.45 On the Town.
8.30 A Sideways Look.
8.45 Analysis.

9.30 Kaleidoscope. 19.90 The World Tonight. 10.30 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy.† 11.00 A Book at Bedtime. 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliamen 12.00 News. 12.15-12.23 am Weather. VHF

6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 For Schools: History in Evidence; Advanced Studies—English; Poery Corner; Music Makers; Something to Think About.

Radio 3 6.55 am Weather.

7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Mozart, Stolzel, Graupner, Dvorak.† 8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Harty, Liszt, Kunneke, Luigini.† 9.00 News.

9.05 Week's Composer: Arnold (incl Sym 5).† 10.00 Organ: Blitheman, Tomkins, Stanley.† Stantey.†
10.35 Violin (Vegh), piano: Bartok
(Son 2), Bach (EWV 1005).†
11.20 Scottish Chamber Orch/
Delogu, pt 1: J. C. Bach, Britten.†

12.00 Interval reading. 12.05 pm SCO, pt 2: Mozart, Beeth-oven (Sym 2).† 1.00 News. 1.05 Piano quartets: Fauré, Turina.† 2.05 Music Weekly.† 2.55 All Across the USA; folk

music.
3.35 BBC Concert Orch/Shipway:
Rawsthorne, Frankel (Vin Conc—
(Gruenberg).†
4.20 BBC Singers: Sibelius, Madetoja, Palmgren.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Music for early evening.†
7.00 Violin, piano (Fujikawa, Roll): Fauré, Brahms (op 108).†
7.50 Reading: Samuel, by Grace
Paley.

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8.00 RPO/Dorati (live from Festival Hall), pt 1: Haydn (Sym 3), Tippert (Conc for Orch).†

8.50 Six Continents: world news.

9.10 RPO, pt 2: Dvorak (Sym 9).†

10.00 Scientifically Speaking.

10.55 Songs: Haydn, Schubert, Brahms, Schumann.†

11.55-12.00 News.

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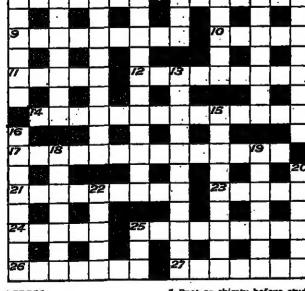
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